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Concord ---------- Jay Fox, Claude Gant
Dover ---------- F. A. Pennell
East Taylorsville ---------- B. F. Peeler
Hiddenite ---------- D. W. Pool
Linneys Grove ---------- W. E. Linney
Lebanon ---------- W. J. Bumgarner, E. V. Bumgarner
Mt. Herman ---------- W. O. Johnson
Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stephenson
Poplar Springs ---------- Lee James
Stony Point ---------- W. T. Comer
Smyrna ---------- C. W. Teague
Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts, Howard Ford
Taylor Springs ---------- L. T. Younger, D. C. Thompson
Three Forks ---------- Levi W. Teague

FIRST DAY. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1935

10:00 A. M. The Association was opened by singing, "All Hail The Power" prayer by Rev. D. W. Pool.

Roll call of churches was called and the following were enrolled:

Bethany—E. E. Pool, C. J. Hendren, J. A. Costner.
Concord—N. R. Martin, Loyd Douglas, Jay Fox.
Damascus—C. S. Johnson, C. E. King, Maggie McLain.
Dover—Ed Mooney, F. A. Pennell.
East Taylorsville—T. J. Fortner, P. H. Gooden, Mrs. P. H. Gooden.
Fair View—J. W. Querry, W. B. Hendren, N. W. Cook.
Gay's Chapel—W. G. Ellis, G. L. Deal, Mrs. W. B. Cashon.
Hiddenite—Earl Sharpe, Donald Kerley, Glenn Gooden
Liledoun—C A. Smith, Clyde Robinson, Milard Jenkins.
Millersville—Glenn Staford, George Staford.
Mt. Hermon—Vance Staford.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Roby Davidson, Clarence Daniels.
Mt. Olive—H. S. Deal, Brack Deal, Sherman Davis.
Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, Zeno Harrington, Fred Harrington.
Poplar Springs—Lee James
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. L. Watts.
Taylor Springs—D. L. Williams, E. D. Webbon, J. P. Bustle.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, S. W. Rogers, J. M. Walker.
The following visitors were welcomed to seats with us by

the Moderator, Bro. C. C. McKoin of Mills Home, J. A. McKaughan representnig the Dry Forces, Roseboro Beach representing the Recorder, and M. O. Alexander of Raleigh.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercise, The Pastor and Messengers of Hidenite church.

Digest of church letters, J. W. Hendren, Fred Milstead, T. J. Fortner.

Finance G. L. Chatham, J. L. Watts, E. E. Lackey.

Nominations A. E. Watts, E. V. Bumgarner, C. C. Holland.

The committee on Fundamental Doctrines were not ready to report, the report on Religious Literature was called and read by Bro. A. C. Payne, chairman, was discussed by Bro. A. C. Payne, J. W. Hendren, Rev. Roseboro Beach and adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Fred A. Pennell, was discussed by Rev. Fred A. Pennell, H. S. Deal, and adopted as follows:

Rev. A. E. Watts was substituted on Fundamental Doctrines.

11:15 Sermon by Rev. G. C. Teague, Text John 3: 7.

Intermission.

1:00 A. M. Following delinquent churches were enrolled:

Antioch—V. W. Teague, Quince Keller.

Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, J. L. Smith, W. C. Hayes.

Bethlehem—E. W. Teague, R. Lee Teague.

Lebanon—G. W. Bumgarner, Miss Ruby Fortner, Miss Pauline Bumgarner.

Linneys Grove—J. F. Baker, C. J. Gwaltney, L. A. Childers.

Little River—J. T. Rogers, W. M. Childers, Ralph Deal.

Macedonia—W. P. Smith, J. M. Stikeleather, Charles Carrigan.

Mt. Nebo—C. A. Burgess, J. T. Christopher, J. R. Burgess.

Pleasant Grove—Lincoln Childers, Marsh Levan, Thomas Harris.

Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, S. W. Gwaltney, John Teague.

Stony Point—David Stewart, Miss Annie Baker, W. C. Groce.

The report on Orphanage was called, the Chairman, Rev. A. E. Watts being called to a funeral the Clerk read the report. It was very ably and emotionally discussed by Bro C. C. McKoin of the Mills Home and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is deeply loved by our Baptist people. They are deeply interested in the welfare of helpless, dependent, and unfortunate children and cherish the thought of having a part in taking care of them. The work grips their hearts and they go forth to meet the needs of this great work in the fear and love of God.

The Baptists of North Carolina are caring for in round numbers 771 children. At Thomasville we have 491 children; at the Kennedy Home 135 children, and 145 children are with their mothers.

The children at the two homes live under a wholesome atmosphere where their time is divided between work and play and worship. The boys work on the farm, in the dairy, the shoe sop and the print shop. The girls have the sewing room, the laundry and the kitchen. The church is the center of the religious life of both homes and where regular services are held. The spiritual life of every child is carefully entered into and very few children leave either home without having surrendered to the Christ.

Our Mother's aid department is doing a fine work. It keeps mother and child together. Where mother's are physicaly able. and morally fit, to care for their children, except the earning of something to eat, then aid is given towards the maintenance of that home.

Bro. I. G. Greer is the able and efficient General Manager. The work is making marked progress, under his leadership. Debts have been paid and running expenses materially reduced and yet he has maintained the same high standard. The Baptists of North Carolina made a wise choice when Bro. Greer was seelcted to lead in this great work.

How do we support the Orphanage? The Orphanage depends largely on the Once A Month Offering from the Sunday Schools and a Great Thanksgiving Offering from the churches. We appeal to every Sunday School and church to follow out this worthy plan. It will meet the needs.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts, for th committee.

The subject of Evangelism by vote of the Association was left open till tomorrow and the subject of Giving its Doctrine and Practice was called and read by Rev. C. C. Holland, chairman. The Committee yielded their time to Rev. M. O. Alexander of Raleigh, N. C., who made a wonderful appeal to the Association, as to the duty of giving to the Lord's cause. And adopted as follows.

GIVING ITS DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE

Giving is as old as the human race. Cain and Abel brought their offerings, as did Abraham and Jacob. God was evidently pleased with the tithe offered by Abraham and Jacob, since tithing was later incorporated in the law. In the days of Malachi the people were charged with robbing God of the tithes and offerings, and urged to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove God and see if he would not pour them out blessings that there would not be room enough to receive them. Mal. 38:10.

Jesus here, as every where, fulfilled "filled full" the law and went on the second mile. He called on the rich young ruler to give what he had to the poor and come follow Him and he would have treasures in Heaven. He commended the poor widow for giving her all.

The early Christians under the influence of the Spirit of Pentecost laid what they had at the apostles feet. Barnabas was a shining example of this. Acts 4: 37.

Paul the Interpreter of Christ reminded the Corinthians, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are Gods."

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that tho He was rich yet for your sake, He became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich." In the light of these the smallest gift we dare offer is ourselves and what we have. We must not be other than faithful stewards. Stewards of our time, our talents, our money, our influence.

We boast of our orthodoxy in doctrine, but are we not heretics in practice, we refrain from calling detailed attention to some of our reports. But if our gifts are the measure of our love, we wonder if our Lord is not saying to many of us, "I have some what gainst thee because thou hast left thy first love." Our letters reorted last year membership of our association 5376, summary of our gifts were: Pastors salary $4.007.77, other objects $4.297.19. Total gifts for every purpose $8,304.96. Approximately $1.50 per capita per year.

Chas C. Holland
R. B. McLeod

Report on Religious Exercise, tonight, 7:30 p. m. Young Peoples meeting followed by Bro. J. A. McKaughan representing the Dry Forces. Sermon 11:15 by L. T. Younger. Adjourned till 10:00 A. M. Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10. 1935

10:00 A. M. The Association met as per adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Hendren.

Delinquent churches were called for and the following were enrolled.

Pilgrim—J. F. Bunton, W. R. Fox.

White Plains—Charlie Blankenship, J. A. Robinette.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was called and read by Rev. J. S. Stephenson, was discussed by Rev. J. S. Stephenson, A. E. Watts and adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental Doctrines are those principles and truths that support the whole system of the Christian Religion, and defined in the light of God's word and in human experience are to true Christianity what the fundation is to be building, hence the vital importance of firmly anchoring to them.

Your commttee would urge the importance of guarding with great care the Fundamental Doctrines. We would mention and emphasize: The inspiration of the Bible. The love of God. The power of prayer. The diety of the Lord Jesus Christ. The redemptive work of Christ. The universal depravity of the human race, conviction of sin, genuine repentance. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, for salvation. A life of obedience and righteousness, as an evidence of regeneration and accepting as our first Christain duty, the privilege of being a witness, a representative, a missionary for our Lord and Master.

Here are the fundamentals; "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee". 1 Timothy 4: 16.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts,
J. S. Stephenson.

Report on Evangelism was called, read by Rev. C. C. Holland. It was discussed by Rev. D. W. Pool, J. S. Stephenson, Bro. J. W. Hendren, and adopted.

EVANGELISM

Evangelization of the world is the supreme task of the church. It is provided in the divine plan that the gospel be preached to every creature and in Apostolic days, men with a burning desire for lost souls went every where preaching the Word. Here then is the means to the end of evangelization the world. Preaching the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. This means when employed and when backed up by the prayers and importunities of God's people for its success, has been in the past, at present, and will be in the future, effectual in turning men from sin and bringing them into a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The call to this great task comes first from above, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". This is God's call. 2nd. This call comes from within, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel". 3rd It comes from without, "Come over into Macedonia and help us". 4th This call comes from beneath, "Send Lazarus to my father's house that he may testify to my brethern lest they come to this place of torment". Let us adopt this means and begin at Jerusalem and go into all the world with the gospel of Christ and when it fails we just as well leave men to their fate.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner

Report on Baptism Training Union was called and read by Miss Lucy Thompson. It was discussed by Rev. Fletcher Lambert of Front Street Baptist church, Statesville, N. C., and adopted as follows.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Training in church membership began when the Master set aside a portion of time in a busy ministery to train twelve disciples for greater service in His Church. Through traning in church membership the Baptist Training Union answers for our church that age old plea: "If youth only would, if age only could".

Youth is enthusiastic in the desire to serve and the Baptist Training Union leads that enthusiam into worthwhile endeavors. Paul realized the value of training for he wrote to the young minister Timothy "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth", 2nd Timothy 2: 15. Using that Scripture as its watchword the Training Union seeks to train young church members through definite study each Sunday.

Young people find sympathetic help from the beginning of their membership in a B. Y. P. U. There is no other church organization where youth is given such an opportunity to develop and consecrate talent, through Bible study for the spiritual, programs and study courses for the intellectual and clean entertainment for the social, the three needs of young people are satisfied. Regular B. Y. P. U. attendance leads to regular church atendance.

Loyalty to Christ, the keynote of our work as expressed in the official song and emphasized in each program, leads to church and denominational loyalty. The Training Union instructs each member in Baptist doctrine and history. Members are also enlisted in the systematic financial support of the church. As early training usually determines ones denomination. The Training Union produces loyal Baptists.

Efficiency, through and determined effort, is a much discussed quality in this day. The church needs members who are efficient in its service. It needs members who can face its problems with clear heads, pure hearts, willing hands. It needs members who are willing to co-operate with the leaders as much as it needs the leaders. The Baptist Training Union through its emphasis on the Bible, intelligent study and prayer produces such members.

In view of its vaule to all who take part in it, your committee would urge each church in this Association to consider the Baptist Training Union as a necessary part of its church program.

Lucy Thompson,
For the Committee.

11:15. By motion of Rev. C. C. Holland instead of the sermon the Association took up the subject of missions. The Report was read by Bro. J. L. Gwaltney, chairman. It was discussed by Bro. Gwaltney and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The last command of the Lord Jesus to His followers we find recorded in the 28th Chapter of Mathew at the 19th verse which is as follows: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsover I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you all ways, even unto the end of the World, Amen."

This command suggests the following all Absorbing questions: Who is to go? When? Where? How? Why?

Upon the Correct answer to the questions rest the hopes of a lost world.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Gwaltney
E. E. Pool

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The annual election of officers, namely:
Moderator—J. L. Gwaltney.
Clerk—R. B. McLeod.
Treasurer and Historian—G. L. Chatham.
Bro. G. L. Chatham resigned as historian, and Bro. J. W. Hendren was elected to office.

Bro Chatham read a letter from Bro. Blalock which had been written to the Association. Collection for Missions amount, $15.02.

The report on Hospitals was called and read by Rev. C. C. Holland, was discussed by Bro. Smith Hagaman, superintendent of the hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C. Collection for hospitals, 11.25. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

Since the opening of the Hospital May 28, 1923 to July 15, 1935, 29,000 patients have entered for treatment. In the first half of the year 1935, the hospital will have 5,520 patients this year, or 31,200 patient days. Of this, 11,882 will be full pay, 9,704 part pay and 9,674 free.

The hospital has had an average of 86 patients per day for the last six months and is now averaging 300 patients per month. Almost one-half of patients day are service, or free days.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that it costs a large amount of money to care for this increasing number of patients coming from practically every section of the State. The hospital must depend very largely on the offerings of the churches and Sunday Schools to care for these hundreds and hundreds of patients who can't pay for treatment.

The Women's Missionary Unions of the State, in addition to their cash contributions, have sent us during the first six months of this year, 5,635 articles of linen, consisting of sheets, spreads, pillow cases, towels, etc. These are very much needed and much appreciated.

Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) has been designated as "Hospital Day". If only all of our churches would seriously put on a well planned Mother's Day program, enough money could be provided to amply care for this vast host of God's poor, who can't provide this service for themselves.

We are trying to carry on the same program that Jesus gave so much of His life to relieving suffering humanity. What part have you had in it? What part will you have in it?

G. C. Teague
Chas. C. Holland

The report on Temperance and Law Enforcement was read by Bro. C. E. Echerd. It was discussed by Bro. C. E. Echerd, Rev. Roseboro Beach, J. A. McKaughan and adopted. Collection for Dry Forces $4.26.

TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Three thousand years ago the wise man said, "Wine is a mocker strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

If Solomon were living in our day he could add the names of other modern drinks that mock and others that make men raging.

Moderate drinking is countenanced and encouraged more in the last few years than for a long time. This is dangerous since moderate drinking so often leads to excessive drinking, drunkenness and destruction. Regardless of who advocates moderate drinking, they that are deceived are not wise.

Temperance means self-control. It means total abstinence from things harmful and moderation in the use of things useful. Temperance, like charity, should begin at home. Every member of every church in this Association should live temperately and teach temperance and self control to the raising generation. Our pastors should preach temperance in no uncertain tones.

As a basis for a discussion of law enforcement we submit 1 Timothy 2:1 where Paul says, "I exhort thee that prayers be made for those in autohrity, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty." Instead of so much destructive criticism let us extend to our officers our hearty co-operation and encouragement.

Chas E. Echerd
Chas. C. Holland.

The following resolution of thanks was tendered by the Association to Hiddenite Baptist church::

We, the officers and messengers to this Association, wish to express our hearty appreciation to the good women of the Hiddenite community for the splendid dinners served on the grounds of the church, to the homes for the entertainment of those who stayed over, to the church for the use of their nice building and to the thoughtful hands who furnished the beautiful ferns and flowers.

C. E. Echerd for the Association.

By motion of the Clerk, the Finance committee was dispensed with.

The committee on nominations made the following report.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Missions—E. V. Bumgarner and W. O. Johnson.

Orphanage—A. C. Payne and J. S. Stephenson.

Giving its Doctrine and Practice—J. L. Gwaltney and A. E. Watts.

Evangelism—F. A. Pennell, E. E. Pool, and Lee James.

Temperance and Law Enforcement—E. V. Bumgarner and B. F. Peeler.

Religious Literature—D. Fred Milstead and E. V. Bumgarner.

Fundamental Doctrines—C. C. Holland, J. W. Hendren.

Sunday Schools—A. E. Watts, and R. B. McLeod.

Baptist Training Union—Miss Lucy Thompson, C. E. Echerd and D. Fred Milstead.

Hospitals—C. C. Holland and Miss Annie Baker.

MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek ---------- J. L. Gwaltney
South Yadkin ---------- A. E. Watts
Caldwell ---------- C. E. Echerd
Brushy Mountain ---------- C. C. Holland
Baptist State Convention ---------- A. C. Payne

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Fairview Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1936.

To preach annual sermon ---------- F. A. Pennell
Alternate ---------- Lee James

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1936 ASSOCIATION

Wednesday:
10:00 A. M. Roll call of churches, recognition of visitors, appointment of committees etc.
10:20—Hospitals.
10:45—Evangelism.
11:15—Annual sermon.
12.00—Intermission.
1:00—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
1:10—Giving, its Doctrine and Practice.
1:50—Missions.
2:40—Baptist Train Union.
3:10—Miscellaneous.
Thursday:
10:00—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
10:10—Sunday Schools.
10:45—Fundamental Doctrines.
11:15—Orhpanage.
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Annual Election of officers.
1:15—Religious Literature.
1:45—Temperance and Law Enforcement.
2:30—Miscellaneous.
Adjourned till Wednesday before the second Sunday Sunday October, 1936.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

On March 30, 1935 the Alexander Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Sulphur Springs church. Encouraging reports were heard from the different Sunday Schools and a splendid day was had as we listened to messages from Rev. G. D. White, Rev. W. E. Linney, Smith Hagaman, D. Fred Milstead, I. G. Greer, and others.

A committee on time, place, and program was appointed consisting of Chas. C. Holland, D. Fred Milstead, and A. C. Payne. They submit the following report. Next meeting will be held at Mt. Olive church on Saturday, March 28, 1936.

10:00 Devotion ---------- B. F. Peeler
10:15 Reports from Sunday schools emphasizing any special feature along with statistical report ----- Messengers
10:45 Why? How? Whither? of the Sunday School work Finley Watts, and Miss Annie Baker.
11:15—Music.
11:20 Orphanage, S. I. Watts and I. G. Greer.
12:00 Noon ress and dinner.
1:00 Devotion ---------- A. E. Watts
1:15 Miscellaneous
1:30 Discussion and Conference period, led by Perry Morgan.
2.15 Address Smith Hagaman

B. J. U. AND W. M. U.

Church	org.	members	missions	other causes	total
Hiddenite	1	30	$6.39	$76.70	$83.09
Stony Point	4	74	3.00	$53.05	56.05
Taylorsville	4	59		169.05	169.05
Smyrna	1	15			

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following report:

It is said that the Sunday School is the nursery of the church and like the home, it is the means of training for future membership in the church. In fact, any church is a great loser in spiritual life that neglects the advantage of a live Sunday School.

But it is ont alone the training of our children that is important, for the old as well as the young need the blessing of the study of God's word together and the word admonishes us not forsaknig the assembling of ourselves together; an we need to remember the habitual custom of Christ and the Apostles was to go into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and read God's word.

As a result, regular attendants are much happier than non-attendants. It causes husband and wife to love each other more and saves a divorce.

It causes children to respect their parents, and to love their home. It makes a Heaven on earth.

The unsaved who attend regular are easily won to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Pennell.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mr. W. E. White.

Bethany—Mr. E. T. Parlier, Deacon E. C. Moore, Mr. William Anderson.

Bethel—Mr. Leonard Childers, Mr. Virgil Childers, Mr. V. P. Childers. Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell.

Bethlehem—Mr. William Teague, Mrs. William Teague, Mr. George Lail.

Concord—Mr. R. J. Fox, Mr. Jeff Warren, Mrs. Lawrence Stewart, Mr. Joseph Stikeleather, Mrs. Addie King, Mr. Arthur Gant, Mrs. Betty Gant, Mr. W. C. Mecimore.

Damascus—Mr. C. B. Riddle, Mrs. Lucy Bowles, Mr. John Ham.

Dover—Mr. David Downs.

Gays Chapel—Mrs. Mary A. Smith, Mrs. Grace Jolly.

Hiddenite—Miss Cathlene Lackey.

Liledoun—Deacon Robert Bell.

Linneys Grove—Mr. C. A. McLain.

Little River—Mr. T. Z. Webster, Mrs. Ruth Barnes, Mrs. Ethel Philips.

Macedonia—Mr. Thad Warren, Mr. E. J. Childers, Mrs. A. M. Stafford, Mrs. Catherene Price, Miss Lottie Thomposn.

Millersville—Mrs. E. T. Parson, Mrs. Elizabeth Stafford.

Mt. Hermon—Miss Irene Johnson, Mrs. May D. Watts, Mrs. Belle Johnson, Mrs. Roxie Sipe.

Mt. Olive—Mr. W. W. Kerley, Mr. Robert B. Lowe, Mrs. Mary P. Davis, Mrs. Carolina Lowe

Pleasant Grove—Mr. J. M. Goforth.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. June Deal.

Poplar Springs—Mr. Richard Pennell, Mr. David Penhell.

Sulphur Springs Mrs. Joe Gooden.

Stony Point—Mrs. S. C. Johnson, Mr. J. B. Foy, Mr. H. B. Thomas

Taylor Springs—Mrs. Joseph Dishman, Miss Edith Jorden.

Three Forks—Mr. Floyd Childers, Mr. Paul McLeod.

White Plains—Mrs. Addie Smith.

HIDDENITE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hiddenite Baptist church was organized Sunday, June 20, 1915. The presbytery was composed of the following brethern: Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, R. Lee Davis, assisted by the following deacons of Sulphur Springs church: brethern W. M. Lackey and B. F. Patterson.

The church is located in the village of Hiddenite, Alexander County, N. C.

The charter members at this organization were as follows: from Sulphur Springs church J. B. Leash, Winnie Learh, J. C. Thomas, Mrs. Maggie Thomas, Lucy Thomas, Wille Thomas, T. M. Kerley Mrs. M. A. Kerley, V. C. Kerley, S. F. Cook, Mrs. S. F. Cook, J. S. Lucas, R. L. Mayberry, L. P. Williams, Dewey Warren, J. F. Moore, Mrs. Pearl Moore; From Bethel church, S. P. Williams, Mrs. S. P. Williams, Bonnie Williams, Delsie Williams; and Mrs. S. E. Lucas pending a letter from the Baptist church, Blacksburg, S. C. At the organization brethern J. C. Thomas and S. F. Cook were elected deacons. The present board of deacons consists of the following: D. F. Milstead, chairman; C. H. Gryder, J. A. Adams, W. F. Milstead, J. H. Hendren, Leach Gooden, Glenn Gooden, J. W. Hendren.

J. B. Leach served as clerk of the church from its organization till his death. The present clerk, J. W. Hendren, has served as clerk since the death of Bro. Leach.

Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was the first pastor of the church and served in this capacity about four years; he was followed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner who served for seven years; Rev. J. Ben Eller of Statesville became supply pastor for one year, after which Rev. W. E. Linney served the church as pastor for one year. The present pastor, Chas. C. Holland who followed Bro. Linney, and was called to the pastorate December 2, 1928.

A neat brick church building was completed in 1929, consisting of auditorium and four Sunday school rooms.

J. W. Hendren, Historian

following is a report of the funds that have passed through my hands the past Associational year.

CHURCH	Missions	Orphanage	Minute fund	Home Mis.
Antioch	$	$	$ 1.00	$
Bethany	23.00		2.92	
Bethel	13.69		1.40	
Bethlehem	38.86	23.16	1.00	
Concord			.50	
Damascus	42.79		2.20	
Dover			.80	
East Taylorsville	19.93		1.80	
Fair View	21.25		3.25	
Gays Chapel	7.20		.80	
Hiddenite	27.26		2.75	
Lebanon	15.00		.50	
Liledoun			1.05	
Linneys Grove	13.37	6.55	3.25	
Little River			1.50	
Macedonia			1.50	
Millersville			.60	
Mt. Hebron	10.01		.60	
Mt. Herman	5.59		2.00	
Mt. Nebo		3.73	.45	
Mt. Olive	8.90		3.07	7.25
Pilgrim			1.50	
Pleasant Grove	6.00		2.40	
Pleasant Hill	12.42		2.25	
Poplar Springs			1.15	
Sulphur Springs	34.56		1.50	
Stony Point	59.00		3.00	
Smyrna			1.00	
Taylorsville			5.00	
Taylor Springs	12.55		2.10	
Three Forks	20.89		2.75	
White Plains	15.55	19.25	2.00	
Mrs. J. T. Ferguson, Wilkesboro	10.00			
Jeffie Daniels	1.00			
Fair Plains church Wilkes county	5.50			
Total receipts	421.96	52.69	57.59	7.25
Association Collection	15.02			
A deposit of	10.98			
Founds in bank to the credit of T. L. Blalock since 1933.				
Grand Total	447.96			

DISBURSEMENTS

To T. L. Blalock Tai-An-Fu China		$ 7.34
December 26, 1934 by check		26.08
January 19, 1935 by check		27.70
February 5, 1935 by check		52.26.
March 11, 1935 by check		38.28
April 20, 1935 by check		29.30
May 27, 1935 by check		43.45
June 29, 1935 by check		32.82
July 22, 1935 by check		25.00
August 31, 1935 by check		18.80
Sept. 30, 1935 by check		148.85
October 10, 1935 by check		
		449.88
TOTAL		1.92
An error of		
To Mills Home		
December 1934	$48.96	
October 1935	3.73	
Total	52.69	
Home Missions	3.25	
Co-op. program	4.00	
Total	7.25	
Baptist Hospital	11.25	
Total	11.25	
United Dry Forces	4.26	
Total	4.26	
Minute Fund	57.59	
To Times Publishing Co.	40.00	
R. B. McLeod	17.59	
Total	57.59	

G. L. CHATHAM, Treasurer

TABLE I—PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Gains Baptism	Gains Letters Etc.	Losses Dismission Letters Etc.	Losses Deaths	Total Membership
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Granite Falls	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville R. 2	1826	2&4	9		7	1	169
Bethany	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	1892		5	10	3	3	203
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	1800	3			6	4	211
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, R. 2	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	1871	1&3	3	2	23	3	264
Concord	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	1852	2&4	21	2	2	2	256
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	Maggie McLain Statesville	1839	1			7	3	192
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	1833	4	10	2	3	1	229
East Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, R. 2	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	1&2	6		8		217
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	1921	3	3	2	2		103
Gays Chapel	S. G. Swain, Statesville	W. G. Ellis, Statesville, R. 1	1855	2&4	2	4	3	2	84
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	2&4	4	1	1	2	116
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville		2&4		1	4	3	94
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville, R. 1	1906	2&4	14		2	1	239
Linneys Grove	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite			3	2		4	1	
Little River	F. C. Watts, Purlear	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2	1792	4	1			3	124
Macedonia	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville		1	4	1	1	6	118
Millersville	Lee James, Taylorsville, R. 2	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville	1923	1&3	1	2		2	73
Mt. Hermon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. M. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2	1912	2	6	1		4	199
Mt. Hebron	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville R. 2	1915	3	4	1		1	150
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	C. A. Burgess, Taylorsville	1907	4					
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob, R.	1865	2	10		3	4	171
Pilgrim	Noah Hayes, N. Wilkesboro	Leslie Millsaps, New Hope	1837	1			3	4	190
Pleasant Grove	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	Lincoln Childers, Stony Point	1760	2	2	5	1	1	129
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	1852	1	5	2	2	1	172
Poplar Springs	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville R. 2	Thurston Barnes, Taylorsville	1872	1	14	1	3	2	227
Sulphur Springs	E. A. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3			2	1	179
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	W. C. Grose, Stony Point	1906	1&3	11		10	3	259
Smyrna	J. L. Teague. Hickory R. 2	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville R. 1	1923	1&3	11	3			77
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville,	1851	2-3-4	20	5	2		365
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	D. L. Williams, New Hope	1852	1	6	3	1	2	228
Three Forks	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1857	3	9	3		2	360
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, R. 3	1912	2	3	4	3	1	230
		Totals - - - - - -			186	55	109	65	4638

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Officers and Teachers	Average	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts
Antioch	Ed Hollar, Granite Falls.	17	21	24	36	31	41	11	76		$ 190.85
Bethany	J. A. Costner, Pores Knob								75		
Bethel	E. T. Millsaps, Hiddenite							5	28		
Bethlehem	A. O. Hefner, Brookford	10	16	15	10	20	25	9	52	3	45.17
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point		15	16	18	25	28	7	60		
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville, R. No. 3		6	6	7	14	15	5			
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville, R. 2	10	10	12	8	10	25	5	40		
East Taylorsville	J. T. Fortner, Taylorsville	10	15	15	25	10	15	6	50		10.50
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite							8	50	1	33.29
Gays Chapel	A. G. Starrette, Statesville	17		16	16		22	5	39	1	22.87
Hiddenite	D. F. Milstead, Hiddenite	19	16	27	14	24	35	11	86	3	274.05
Lebanon	Edward Bumgarner, Taylorsville							5			
Liledoun	Carl Moose, Taylorsville		27	27		21	12	5	81		
Linneys Grove	J. W. McCurdy, Hiddenite							8			
Little River	Bub Bumgarner, Taylorsville		7		10		8	4	20		
Macedonia											
Millersville	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville	15	10		20		30	6	60	1	
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville, R. 2	17		16	18	42	15	7			
Mt. Hebron	Wilson Wike, Pores Knob										
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite		11		11	8	9	5	18		
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal Taylorsville	19		32	32		38	6	52	10	27.27
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	10	8	9		20	20	9	50		
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	17			17		44	8	22	1	17.13
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville		24	29	27	27	32	7	84	2	
Poplar Springs	Butler Chapman, Taylorsville	3	10	4	5	7	8	3		4	
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	6	5	11	35	19	27	11	71		8.95
Stony Point	A. T. Ball, Stony Point							13	152	6	600.18
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover, R. 1	10	6	16	13	10	10	8	35	6	
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	17	35	58	59	40	89	17	151	20	229.33
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope							9	93		19.23
Three Forks	W. L. Russell. Taylorsville	11	6	10	15		35	7	65	8	15.00
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorsville	20		27	14	19	47	7	90		43.76
		228	249	370	410	347	620	198	1550	66	1537.58

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Grand Total	Value Church Property
Antioch	$ 75.00	$ *7.00	$ 40.00	$ 1.00	$ 10.00	$ 22.00	$ 2.50	$ 190.85	$ 1000.00
Betheny	162.72	8.07	28.20	2.92	23.00	51.53		276.44	300.00
Bethel	86.15		26.00		11.93	6.40	2.75	133.23	1200.00
Bethlehem	258.87	35.12	32.27		36.50	23.16		496.59	2000.00
Concord	32.76	95.52	30.55			3.75	2.75	215.13	2000.00
Damascus	103.95	14.88	38.32	2.20	62.18	15.26	9.90	250.54	1500.00
Dover	93.63	11.00	16.07	.80	7.74	4.49	2.15	135.13	500.00
East Taylorsville	154.61	52.60	20.00		21.84			239.55	1600.00
Fair View	105.50	2.32	24.45	3.25	21.25	9.50	2.05	201.61	1000.00
Gays Chapel	43.96	2.13	17.88	.80	3.50			89.01	1000.00
Hiddenite	246.17	*129.52	35.46	2.75	12.71	75.60	14.37	673.02	5350.00
Lebanon	136.60	21.50	29.00	1.00	15.00			182.20	
Liledoun	103.34	4.65	18.25	1.05				151.13	
Linneys Grove	127.90	41.65	29.00		13.37		8.00	219.92	800.00
Little River	70.00	132.50	17.50	1.50				221.50	1000.00
Macedonia	75.00	5.00	25.00	1.50				106.50	1000.00
Millersville	70.29	426.50	25.00	.60				522.39	2000.00
Mt. Herman	93.41	10.75	26.65	2.00	6.52	29.27		192.62	
Mt. Hebron	40.13		14.25	.60	10.00			64.99	1000.00
Mt. Nebo	30.00	2.00	12.00			3.73		47.73	1500.00
Mt. Olive	134.83	*58.28	59.67	3.00	14.15	37.38	55.53	134.35	2000.00
Pilgrim	65.55	7.79		1.50				82.84	1500.00
Pleasant Grove	139.00		35.00	2.40	50.31	16.40		279.14	1500.00
Pleasant Hill	59.75	77.75	39.00	2.25	13.42	43.35		255.52	1000.00
Poplar Springs	47.42		14.50	1.15				63.07	500.00
Sulphur Springs	200.80	197.15		1.50	34.56	40.26		483.24	3500.00
Stony Point	400.00		47.80	3.00	57.44		20.00	1311.93	2750.00
Smyrna	75.13	*22.27	25.62	1.00		3.95	3.40	131.37	4000.00
Taylorsville	609.96	$331.01	89.00	5.00	133.41	24.05		1571.76	10000.00
Taylor Springs	135.30	10.00	45.47	2.10		24.05	4.95	1571.76	10000.00
Three Forks	190.27	24.31	42.25	2.75	18.63			290.46	1000.00
White Plains	181.37		21.00	2.00	15.50	10.00		270.78	1500.00

In the above table in column "Other Objects" of that amunt the following churcl
paid of that amount to Co-op Program: Antioch, $10.00; Hiddenite, $43.73; Mt. Oli
$4.00; Smyrna, $6.30; Taylorsville, $15.00.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Dover ---------- F. A. Pennell
East Taylorsville ---------- B. F. Peeler
Hiddenite ---------- D. W. Pool
Lebanon ---------- E. V. Bumgarner
Linneys Grove ---------- W. E. Linney
Mt. Herman ---------- W. O. Johnson
Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stephenson
Poplar Springs ---------- Woodrow Brookshire, & Lee James
Stony Point ---------- W. T. Comer
Smyrna ---------- C. W. Teague
Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts & Howard Ford
Taylor Springs ---------- D. L. Williams & L. T. Younger
Three Forks ---------- Levi W. Teague
White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1936

10:00 a. m. The Association opened by singing "Come Great Deliver Come." Scripture reading by Rev. M. A. Adams, prayer by Rev. W. R. Beach.

The following churches were enrolled:

Antioch ---------- Mrs. Vance W. Teague
Bethany ---------- C. J. Hendren, W. J. Moore, E. E. Pool
Bethel ---------- E. F. Millsaps, Boby Childers, B. B. Barnette
Beulah ---------- Roy Brown
Concord ---------- N. R. Martin, Dwight Payne. Lloyd Douglass
Damascus ---------- W. J. Page, J. A. McLain, Maggie McLain
Dover ---------- Fred A. Pennell
East Taylorsville ---------- J. T. Fortner, J. A. Webster
Fair View ---------- W. B. Hendren, N. T. Meadows, F. H. Fox
Gays Chapel ---------- W. G. Ellis, M. B. Cashion, G. L. Deal
Lebanon ---------- G. W. Bumgarner
Liledoun ---------- C. A. Smith, Mack Moose Clyde Robinette
Linneys Grove Edgar Tedder, A.E. Millsaps, C.J. Gwaltney
Little River ---------- Bub Bumgarner, J. T. Rogers
Macedonia ---------- Charlie Carrigan, T. Mack Moose
Millersville ---------- Glenn Stafford, G. W. Stafford
Mt. Hermon ---------- W.O. Johnson, Mrs. P. E. Johnson, Louise Johnson

Mt. Hebron ---------- Roby Davidson, Wilson Wike
Mt. Olive ---------- E. J. Deal, Herman Deal
Pleasant Grove -- J.L. Childers, P.M. Godfry, E.R. Teague
Pleasant Hill ---------- Jeffie Daniels, Frank Gwaltney
Poplar Springs ---------- Lee James
Sulphur Springs ----------T. L. Fox, T. G. Teague
Stony Point -------- W. C. Grose, Clarence Combs, Mrs. Clarence Combs.
Smyrna ---------- J. W. Perkins, A. C. Fox, C. M. Cline
Taylorsville ---------- G. W. Pennell, A. C. Harrington, C. E. Echerd
Taylor Springs ------ D. L. Williams, Miss Ruth Redman, Miss Java Williams
Three Forks ---------- S. W. Rogers
White Plains ---------- Mrs. M. E. Little, Mrs. Hessie Mayberry, Mrs. H. C. Barnes.

The following visiting brethern were welcomed to seats with us by the Moderator: Rev. Roseboro Beach and Rev. M. A. Adams.

New churches were called to become members of our Association, and Beulah of Taylorsville presented their application which was accepted.

The report on Hospitals called and was transferred with the report on Temperance and Law Enforcement, which was read by Rev. S. I. Watts. was discussed by Rev. S. I. Watts and M. A. Adams and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

When Paul spoke of the works of the flesh he put drunkness at the head of the list. When he spoke of the fruits of Spirit he put Temperance at the head of the list. We believe the use of strong drink is dooming countless numbers of men women, boys and girls. Destroying health, blighting hopes, and threatening our civilization.

Think of the wrecks on either side of the stream of death, of the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, paupersim and destruction coming from alcohol, of little children under nourished, with tear dimed eyes crying to helpless, despairing mothers, of fathers, sons and daughters reeling, staggering, and victims to the many associating evils that go with strong drink. Think of the countless numbers who have gone down to a premature grave and are lost through all eternity, all on account of this thing called alcohol.

Intemperance cuts down youths in its vigor manhood, in its strength and age in its weakness. It breaks the fathers heart, robs the children of bread, clothing bereaves the mother's heart, extinguishes natural affection, destroys matrimonial love, blights parental hope and brings premature age in sorrow and dishoner to the grave.

Alcohol makes wives widows, children orphans, it crowds the penitentiary and furnishes victims for the scaffol and electric chair. All this and many more are the evils caused by the awful curse of intemperance, and the time is here as never before that every Christian should see to it our very life is such as to bear in no uncertain terms testimony against this evil.

S. I. Watts for the committee.

The Association took a collection; for the Dry Forces amount $14.15.

Bro. Beach was given a few minutes to talk in interest of the Bibical Recorder.

The Moderator appointed the following committees.

Religious Exercise, Pastor and Messengers of Fair View church.

Digest of Church Letters: C. E. Echerd, E. E. Pool, E. W. Teague.

Finance: Sammie Johnson, A. C. Harrington, Lloyd Hendren.

Nominations: A. E. Watts, J. S. Stephenson, C. C. Holland.
11:00 a. m. Sermon by F. A. Pennell, text 1st. Tim. 6: 18.
Intermission.

1:00 p. m. Delinquent churches were called and the following were enrolleed.

Hiddenite—D. Fred Milstead, Yates Millsaps, J. Hicks Hendren.

Bethlehem—E. W. Teague, Leroy Starnes, Charlie Wagner.

Pilgrim—Leslie Millsaps, Paul Mayberry, W. G. Millsaps.

Giving its Doctrine and Practice was called and read by Rev. A. E. Watts, was discussed by Rev. A. E. Watts and Bro. J. L. Gwaltney and Rev. W. E. Linney and adopted.

REPORT ON GIVING ITS DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE

We find by searching God's word that giving had its origin a long time ago. We find that Abraham the father of the faithful and friend of God, paid Tiths almost 4000 years ago. Which was a voluntary offering on his part. Later we find Jacob doing the same thing at Bethel. Evidently such giving pleased the Lord and He had it incorporated in the Law of Moses. All through the Bible the duty of giving is urged. It is brought to our attention about 1800 times. Surely then, it is important and should receive our earnest attention. Giving is one of the Christian graces and it should be cultivated and developed as diligently as the other graces. The worship of our Savior and King in the manger at Bethlehem began with gifts of Gold, frankinsence and Myrrh. We have in the writings of Paul a plain plan for giving. In 1st Cor. 16: 2 he says: "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." In 2nd Cor. 9: 7 He says "God loveth a cheerful giver". These Scriptures suggest: First, Who should give? Everyone. Second, When to give? On the first day of the week. Third, How much we are to give? As God has prospered us. Fourth, How we are to give, Cheerfully. If the churches of our assosiation would give. Cheerfully. If the churches of our association would solve all of our financial problems, and our reports would suggest to each pastor, and to the delegates from the different churches, to lead the way in the development and cultivation of this Christian Grace. We are indeed happy to know that some of the churches have shown marked increases in their gifts during the past year. May we always remember and keep before us this thought, That God loveth a Cheerful giver.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Gwaltney.

The Report on Missions was called and read by Rev. G. D. White, was discussed by Rev. G. D. White, Rev. C. C. Holland, Mrs. J. P. Watts, Rev. J. L. Teague. The report of the W. M. U. was adopted as a part of the report on Missions.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The last command of the Lord Jesus to his followers we find recorded in the 28th chapter of Matthew at the 19th verse which is as follows: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world, Amen.

This command suggests the following all absorbing questions: Who is to go? When? Where? How? Why? Upon the correct answer to the question rest the hopes of a lost world.

G. D. White for the committee.

Collection for Missions amount $17.46.

Report on B. T. U. was called and read by Bro. C. E. Echerd, was discussed by Bro. C. E. Echerd and adopted.

2:30—Misscellaneous
Adjourned till 10:00 a. m. Thursday morning.
Thursday:
7:30—Baptist Training Union

REPORT OF THE WOMENS MISSIONARY UNION

"And the Lord said. "It is not good that man should be alone;I will make an help-mate for him" Gen. 2: 18. In the beginning of time the Creator looked into the Garden of Eden and saw that man could not live alone; thus Eve came into creation to share the joys and sorrows of Adam. If there was the need of co-operation during that period so long ago when there were so few people, can not we, the Christians of 1936, with the millions of people who have not heard of our Christ, see the responsibility and the need of working together?

A few have seen that need and thus the Women's Missionary Union has as its constant watchword, "Laborers together with God". The purpose of this watchward is twofold: to give strength within the heart and to move to action. "It should be a challenge to higher living than we have known before. That challenge must be answered by us Christians allowing God to speak through us to our neighbors and friends and to all men—even to the uttermost part of the earth."

For this reason during the year of 1888 a small band of women in the Southland organized themselves into a Womans Missionary Union in order to increase the work of missions, and for forty-eight years this movement has grown until it is now a great force of dynamic power.

About eight years ago the women of the Southland decided to work together in an effort to send back to foreign fields those missionaries who were forced to remain at home because of a great financial crisis. Today through the medium of a sacrifical Christmas offering, in addition to other interests that are being supported, these women have sent back and are keeping 125 missionaries on the field.

Feeling that we could better carry on this work of missions, through our combined efforts, during the month of August, 1936, we, associational organization made up of eighty members. We have as our aim for the coming year the support of a native missionary in China. It has been found that a foreign missionary, so we as stewards are trying to keep one on the field solely through our support.

Promising faithfully to give our time, our efforts, and our prayers to his service, we ask you to admit us as an auxiliary to this association.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,
Mrs. J. P. Watts, Chairman
Mrs. D. F. Milstead
Mrs. Bryan Matlock

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

The past year has been one of progress in our Training Union work. A Leadership Conference was held at Ridgecrest July 3-4 to help the associational B. T. U. officers of our state better understand the needs of our people and be able to meet these needs with a Christ-centered program. Alexander Association had six persons present at that meeting.

There we considered earnestly and prayerfully the things we are now doing in Christ's name and the great possibilities that lie before us. We pledged ourselves to move forward together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in mighty effort to bring all our people in the next few years to know and serve the Lord as they have never done before.

We believe the need of the world today is a return to the fundamentals of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Baptist Training Union can do much to help bring this about and will guide our people to fuller and finer daily living The Training Union can do this because it is for all church members from the small children in the Story Hour, those

9-12 in the Junior B. Y. P. U., those 13-17 in the Intermediate B. Y. P. U., those 17-30 in the Senior Union to the oldest deacons and all others in the Adult union. Then the Training Union answers the spiritual need through daily Bible reading and study, the mental though programs that inform and inspire and the social need, with clean and enjoyable gatherings apart from the regular weekly study.

A number of churches co-operated during the first week of August in an associational week of study. This was led by Miss Mabel Starnes, of Raleigh, Associate State B. T. U. Secretary, with the assistance of nine fine young volunteer workers. Some good work is being done by unions newly organized as a result of that weeks work in which 104 awards were presented

Every church should organize at least a B. Y. P. U., many should have the whole Training Union, for this will increase attendance and interest in the preaching service, the Sunday School, the prayer service and the Women's Missionary Society. A B. Y. P. U. is for young people but the Baptist Training Union is for all church members that each one of us may have the opportunity to serve and glorify our Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Thompson
Chas E. Echerd
D. Fred Milstead.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1936

10:00 a. m. The Association met as pre-adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Beach.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following visiting brethern were welcomed to seats by the Moderator, Rev. R. D. Covington, from Mills Home.

The Report on Sunday Schools was called and read by Rev. A. E. Watts, chairman, was discussed by Rev. A. E. Watts, R. B. McLeod and E. E. Poole and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School has been defined as the Church at work, and as such, she deserves the moral support of every Christian. As defined above ,the Sunday School is a mighty power for enlightening our people and teaching them the way of the Lord.

We firmly believe it is to be the duty, and obligation, of our Sunday School leaders to find the people, and if possible enlist them. The Sunday School will put the people in touch with the Bible, the church and the gospel of the Lord Jesus, which is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth. The people must hear in order to believe and believe in order to be saved.

The purpose in finding people and enlisting them in the Sunday School and bringing them under Christian influence, is to get them saved and then help them to live a life of usefulness that will bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus. That, and that alone, should be the supreme aim of every Sunday School.

In the Sunday School we are to teach God's eternal truth The Bible is a missionary book and it is for us who lead in this gerat work to teach, interpert, apply, and make effective, this missionary book. Some-times we fear some of our Sunday schools make too little use of the Bible. We would sound this note of warning: the Bible is what our people need and want. In our Sunday Schools we need more Bibles and fewer quarterlies. More Bible and less of what man says. We need to let God speak through his own precious word.

The Sunday School should "Live and move and have its being" in the church.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts
R. B. McLeod.

PROGRAM OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Meets With White Plains Baptist Church Saturday May 29, 1937

Theme: "Consider Jesus"

10:00 a. m. Devotion—W. O. Johnson

10:15 Jesus and the gathering of the people together—A. E. Watts. and Lee James

10:35 Jesus and teachers of people (a) Responsibility—G. D. White (g) Reward—Fred Pennell.

11:05 Jesus and the teaching: (a) Contents and methods—G. C. Teague (g) Objective—W. T. Comer.

11:30 Sermon—E. V. Bumgarner

12:15 Recess and dinner
1:15 Jesus and the young people—Howard Ford
1:40 Jesus and the Poor and Unfortunate—D Fred Milstead and I. G Greer.
2:20 Jesus and other Nations—W. E. Linney
2:50 Miscellaneous
Adjourn

Chas. C. Holland, Chairman
Chas. E. Echerd
Herman S. Deal.

A letter from Bro. T. L. Blalock was read by Rev. A. E. Watts.

The Report on Fundamental Doctrines was called and read by Rev. C. C. Holland chairman, was discussed by Rev. C. C. Holland and adopted.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind."

"This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love they neighbor as thyself.

On these hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22: 37-40.

In the above scriptures we find fundamentals if accepted and practiced will not only keep our hearts and minds right but will help us bless and save a world. There we find:

The fact of God declared, His character revealed, the Diety of Christ implied, the scriptural nature of salvation" indicated, and its terms made plain. The destinites of man announced and determined.

Furthermore, if we, in turn love God with all our heart, we will love and reverence His house His word, His day, His name. Then shall we be able to love ourfellowmen an will serve God by serving men.

In the year of 1870 Archbishop Manning said, "Let all the world go to bits and Catholics would rebuild it on the dogma of papal infallibility". We hold aloft the New Testament and say let the world go to bits and we will reconstruct it on these pillars of everlasting duration.

Respectfully submitted
Chas. C. Holland.

The Report on Orphanage was called and read by Rev. J. S. Stephenson, was discussed by Rev. J. S. Stevenson, R. D. Covington, Levi W. Teague and adopted.

Collection for Orphanage amounted to $10.00.

REPORT OF THE ORPHANAGE

Your committee submits the following as its report of the Mills Home at Thomasville, North Carolina. In the more than fifty years of its existence, it has grown from an humble beginning, to now, one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the United States. Its influence in training boys and girls in Christian citizenship has been manifested in a wonderful way. We render to God the praise which belongs to Him for His wonderful blessings bestowed upon the institution from its foun..ation. The unselfish service of those who have been in charge merits the most ernest appreciation and support of every Baptist, especially, in our State.

The number of children cared for during the last year was 800, of this number there are 475 at Thomasville, and 136 children at the Kennedy Home and 189 are with their mothers.

During the year this Association has contributed to the Mills Home the amount of $_____ by the Once A Month Offering from the Sunday Schools. We would most earnestly urge each Sunday School in this Association to increase their contributions, and those not having a part in this great work, to begin now, to make as liberal contributions as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Payne

J. S. Stevenson, Committee.

1:00 p. m. The following visiting brethern were welcomed to seats by the Moderator, Rev. M. O. Alexander of Raleigh, and Rev. Walter L. Werfford of Lexington.

Annual election of officers. The following were elected for the ensuing year.

Moderator ---------- J. L. Gwaltney
Vice-Moderator ---------- G. L. Chatham
Clerk ---------- R. B. McLeod
Historian ---------- D. Fred Milstead
Treasurer ---------- J. L. Watts

The Report on Religious Literature was dispensed with having been discussed yesterday and the Report on Hospitals was taken up. The Report written by Rev. C. C. Holland was read by the Clerk, was very earnestly discussed by Rev. M. O. Alexander and adopted. Collection for Hospitals amount $3.95.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., located at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is owned and controlled by the Baptist Denomination and hence, it is state-wide in its service.

Since the Hospital was opened in 1923, a little more than 33,000 patients have entered for treatment. We shall have this year about 4,000 patients; of this number, almost one-half will be part-pay and free patients. We had a little more than 14,000 free days last year. This year, as we are now running, we shall have a little more than that number. We shall have at the present rate 19,932 part-pay and free days, or 1,458 free and part-pay patients. This, with our present capacity, cannot be increased as we are running as full as possible.

We received from the Duke Endowment last year a little more than $14,000.00. Apart from this, we are dependent upon the Churches and Sunday Schools, through their Mother's Day offerings, for the hospitalization of this vast number of free and part-pay patients. It costs $3.87 per day to care for a patient in the Hospital.

The different organizations of our women are rendering an exceedingly valuable service for the Hospital by furnishing linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, tray covers, towels, etc. These are always needed and gratefully received. A list, giving the specifications, of linens used in the hospital, will gladly be furnished.

It might be added that we have a fine staff of sixty-six doctors and surgeons; also, a school in which nurses are with the Christian idea of service. Some of our people have received gracious service at the hands of this blessed house of mercy. We are pleased to see that the churches in our association are becoming more interested in this gracious work of Healing. Five years ago there was no report of any gifts, to the hospital from our association, whereas this year twenty churches reported gifts.

May we all adopt the motto, "We will help dress his wound and God will heal him."

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. C. Holland

The Report on Evangelism was called and read by Rev. Fred A. Pennell, was discussed by Rev. Fred A. Pennell, Bro. E. E. Pool, Rev. Walter L. Werfford and G. D. White, and adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The mission of Jesus was to "Seek and Save" the lost. His spirit was one of compassionate anxiety that all be saved Evangelism then to us should mean the "Winning of others to Christ."

If we as God's children expect to evangelize the world we must be endued with power from on high. Then by precept and example follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Master.

If we would be more like Jesus, we must love all men and pray for our enemies.

We then would be of one accord and numbers of Penecostal days would be here. Because we would have a deep and abiding conviction that man by nature is lost and undone and that Jesus is the only remedy.

A departure from old time methods in modern Evangelism is filling our churches with the ungenerate, thus paving the way for the man of sin, and the unpitying hand of persecution.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. Pennell,
E. E. Pool

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Orphanage—C. C. Holland and B. F. Peeler.

Giving its Doctrine and Practice—G. C. Teague and W. O. Johnson.

Evangelism—A. E. Watts and J. S. Stephenson.

Temperance and Law Enforcement—J. L. Teague and Lee James.

Religious Literature—F. A. Pennell and R. B. McLeod.

Fundamental Doctrines—W. E. Linney, and G. D. White

Sunday Schools—S. I. Watts and Chas. Pool.

Hospitals—A. C. Payne and E. E. Pool.

Baptist Training Union—Miss Lucy Thompson and D. Fred Milstead.

Order of Business for 1937 Association

Brier Creek L. T. Younger

South Yadkin— C. C. Holland

Caldwell—J. L. Gwaltney

Brushy Mountain—A. E. Watts

Baptist State Convention—C. C. Holland

Time and Place of next meeting—East Taylorsville Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1937.

To preach annual sermon ---------- Rev. Lee James

Alternate ---------- Rev. G. D. White

Order of Business for 1937 Associaion

Wednesday:

10:00—Roll call of churches, recognition of visitors, appointment of committees, etc.
10:15—Religious Literature
10:35—Fundamental Doctrines
11:10—Annual Sermon
12:00—Intermission
1:00—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
1:15—Temperance and Law Enforcement
1:45—Missions
10:00—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
10:15—Sunday Schools.
10:40—Hospitals
11:20—Evangelism
12:00—Intermission
1:00—Annual Election of Officers
1:15—Orphanage
1:50—Giving its Doctrine and Practice
2:20—Misscellaneous

REPORT OF DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

A digest of thirty-two letters reveals amounts given to the five major objects during the past year as follows:

Pastors Salaries	$4,905.32
Co-Operative Program	124.46
Missions	663.50
Orphanage	796.23
Hospitals	169.01

The following Resolutions of thanks was tendered to the members of Fair View church for their Hospitality during the session of the Association.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

We, the officers and messengers of this Association, wish to express our hearty appreciation to the good women of the Fair View community for the splendid dinners served on the grounds, and for the hospitality shown us during the two days we were with you. May God wonderfully bless you in your future life.

This closed an extra wonderful session of the Association. The Reports were uplifting and the discussion were inspiring. At the next session of the Association let every Minister and Messenger plan to take two days off and make it one session of the Association that will tell in eternity for good that was accomplished.

Dismissed till Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1937 by Rev. M. O. Alexander.

APPLICATION AND CHARTER MEMBERS OF BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Taylorsville, N. C.
October 5th, 1936

To the Alexander Baptist Association, Greeting:

Beulah Baptist church located at Taylorsville, Alexander County North Carolina, organized September the 25th, 1936, hereby makes application for admission into fellowship with your body. And enclose herewith minutes of said organization, with roll of members of said organization, together messengers appointed by said church to represent them in your deliberations, if admitted.

Respecfully submitted, by order of the church.

ROY BROWN,

Acting Clerk of the Church.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Presbytery consisting of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, A. E. Watts, S. I. Watts and W. O. Johnson and Bro. J. L. Gwaltney, H. M. Blankenship and J. A. Webster was called on September 25, 1936 for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church.

The following Brothers and Sisters presented letters of dismission from other churches:

Messrs. Roy Brown, and J. L. Rufty; Misses Gladys Brown, Lula Brown, Stella Brown, and Edna Brown.

On Profession of Faith:

Bessie Hicks, Ollie Steele, Cecil Chapman, Leitha Gantt, Fay Chapman, Wilma Lail, Paul Rufty, Fannie Gantt, Ida Rufty, Sherman Gantt and Ray Steele. Roy Brown was appointed Clerk Pro Tem.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mr. Avery Baker, Mrs. Margaret Teague, Miss Hettie Johnson.

Bethany—Mr. M. C. Campbell, Stella Queen, Mrs. Julia Mae Castner Clark.

Bethel—Mrs. Rebecca Davis.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Leroy Starnes, Mr. William C. Hall.

Concord—Miss Amanda Pool, Miss Suma Icenhour, Deacon R. J. Matheson.

Damascus—Mrs. M. G. Sloan.

Dover—Mrs. Georgia Chapman.

Hiddenite—Mr. James W. Hendren.

Lebanon—Rev. W. J. Bumgarner.

Liledoun—Mr. Rowland Bentley.

Linneys Grove—Miss Marie Munday, Mr. Watson Lackey.

Macedonia—Mr. G. W. Thompson, Mrs. Jane Gryder, Mrs. Margaret J. Warren.

Mt. Herman—Mrs. J. W. Walker, Mrs. Zado Watson.

Mt. Hebron—Deacon J. C. Clanton.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. A. C. Earp.

Pleasant Grove—Deacon Robert L. Levan.

Pleasant Hill—Deacon Peter Daniels, Mr. Parks Jolly.

Poplar Springs—Mr. James Earp, Mr. Obie Brown.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. B. T. Patterson.

Stony Point—Mrs. W. L. Rhyne.

Taylorsville—Mrs. E. W. Moose, Mr. R. A. Adams. Mr. J. G. Harrington.

Williams, Miss Emma Williams, Miss Nell E. Redmon.

Taylor Springs—Mrs. Lella Speaks, Miss Lottie Blair

Three Forks—Mr. J. F. Moose.

White Plains—Mr. Edgar Smith.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION — Gifts of W. M. U.

	Number of Organizations	Enrollment	Local Expense	Missions and Benevolences	Co-op Program	Hospitals	Orphanage	Total
Hiddenite	1	24	$ 105.05	$93.74	$	$	$	$198.49
Mt. Herman	4	48						
Stony Point	2	47	10.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	9.00	38.00
Taylorsville	2	64	53.81	45.64				99.45
White Plains	1	13						

TREASURERS REPORT, ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1936

Following is a report of all funds that have passed through my hands, for Rev. T. L. Blalock, in China.

CHURCH

Bethany	$21.40
Bethel	12.07
Bethlehem	14.00
Damascus	61.01
Dover	5.00
East Taylorsville	34.00
Fair View	7.43
Gays Chapel	5.41
Hiddenite	6.42
Lebanon	15.00
Liledoun	1.25
Linneys Grove	11.67
Little River	5.00
Mt. Hebron	8.96
Mt. Herman	4.25
Mt. Olive	4.00
Pleasant Grove	4.14
Pleasant Hill	8.70
Sulphur Springs	34.90
Stony Point	65.29
Three Forks	22.59
White Plains	11.17
Beulah S. S.	3.00
TOTAL	$366.66

Individual Gifts

R. B. McLeod	5.00
Rev. W. J. Bumgarner	6.05
Mrs. J. T. Ferguson	5.00
Miss Victoria Watts	.50
TOTAL	$ 16.55
Associational offering	17.46
GRAND TOTAL	$400.58

For Mills Home

Bethlehem	8.33
Liledoun	3.25
Mt. Nebo	3.00
Associational offering	10.16
TOTAL	$ 25.74

Home Missions

Mt. Olive	4.50

Baptist Hospital

Associational Offering	3.95
Minute Fund	58.53

Disbursements

Rev. T. Blalock, Tai-An-Fu, China	
November 1935	$24.58
January, 1936	34.88
March, 9th	27.37
March 26th	27.66
May	54.10
July	52.06
October	179.97
TOTAL	400.58
To Times Printing	$40.00
To R. B. McLeod	18.53

G. L. CHATHAM, Treasurer

TABLE I—PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Gains: Baptisms	Gains: Letters	Losses: Dismissions Letters Etc.	Losses: Deaths	Total Membership
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Granite Falls	Wayne Austin, Hickory R. 2	1826	2&4	16	3	4	3	181
Bethany	F. C. Watts, Purlear	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	1892	3	6	3	10	3	204
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	1800	3	10		2	1	218
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	1871	1&3	21	1	1	3	283
Beulah	Just organized, not called								
Concord	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	1852	2&4	2	1		3	256
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	Maggie McLean, Statesville, R. 5	1839	1	8	1	2	1	198
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	1833	4	4			1	232
East Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville,	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	2&3					217
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite R	1922	3	2	3			113
Gays Chapel	W. H. Mann, Mooresville	W. G. Ellis, Statesville R. 1	1885	2&4	10	3			97
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	D. F. Milstead, Hiddenite	1915	1-2-4	3	3	2	1	121
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. G. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2			4	1	89
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville	1906	2&4	4		1	1	241
Linneys Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	Edgar Tedder, Hiddenite,	1895	3	1	3	4	2	135
Little River	F. C. Watts, Purlear	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2	1797	4			2		122
Macedonia	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	1855	1	3	2		3	120
Millersville	Lee James, Taylorsville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	1923		8	3	5		79
Mt. Herman	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1912	2	12	1	1	2	208
Mt. Hebron	Not called	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1915	3		1	1	1	140
Mt. Nebo	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	C. A. Burgess, Hiddenite	1907	4					85
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	2	4	2		1	176
Pilgrim	Noah Hayes, N. Wilkesboro	Leslie Millsaps, New Hope	1837	1			1	2	187
Pleasant Grove	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	Lincoln Childers, Statesville	1900	2	2	1	6	1	125
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	Jeffie Daniels Taylorsville	1852	1	6	2	3	2	175
Popular Springs	Woodrow Brookshire, Taylorsville	Thurston Barnes, Taylorsville	1872	1				2	225
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite, N. C.	1867	3			2	1	176
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	W. C. Grose, Statesville, R	1909	1&3	9	9	6	1	263
Smyrna	J. L. Teague, Hickory	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.	1923	1&3	2		1		79
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2-3-4	10	10	3	3	381
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	D. L. Williams, New Hope	1852	1	10	1	1	4	233
Three Forks	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1857	3	4	1	1	1	369
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville	1913	2	4		2	1	231

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Cradle Roll	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Average	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts
Antioch	Howard Keller, Hickory, R. 2	12	18	20	20	35	9	9	9	134		16	$ 43.03
Bethany	J. A. Costner, Pores Knob								4	140	60		
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddentie, R. 1								6	48	20		
Bethlehem	A. O. Hefner, Brookford	14	15	16	17	20	25	5	8	120		21	10.57
Beulah	Fred Brookshire, Taylorsville	22	15	17		9	24		7	94			.75
Concord	Lloyd Douglas, Taylorsville, R. 3	5	12		15	20	25		7	85			
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville R. 5		5	4	10	12	17		5	53		4	11.83
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville R. 2		15	20			35		6	76	40	9	
East Taylorsville	No report												
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite R. 1								8	92	46	2	
Gays Chapel	A. G Starrett, Statesville, R. 1		13	14	16		16		5	74	45	10	21.78
Hiddenite	D. F. Milstead, Hiddenite	13	15	26	13	28	16	5	10	126	81	3	250.72
Lebanon		10	13	13		18	10	7	8	62	45		38.23
Liledoun	C. T. Robinette, Taylorsville		25	14	15		12		4	70			
Linneys Grove	A. E. Millsaps, Hiddenite R. 1								7	70	38		
Little River	Bub Bumgarner, Taylorsville		6	4		6	9		5				
Macedonia	No report												
Millersville	Tom Howard, Taylorsville, R. 1									76			
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville R. 2	18	12	15		30	22		6	103	83	11	27.05
Mt. Hebron	No report												
Mt. Nebo	H. M. Blankenship, Hiddenite		12		15		6		6	33			45.40
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2								8	135	85	2	83.15
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	5	8	10	8	10	12		7	60	45		27.30
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point R. 1	7			15		30		8	60	49	1	12.42
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville R. 3	12	12	19	24	43	32		7	149	75		
Poplar Springs		4	10	6	8	12	7		3	47			
Sulphur Springs	George Lackey, Hiddenite R. 2	20	14	15	25	35	33		11	153	76		49.45
Stony Point	W. C. Groce, Statesville, R. 6								11	250	163	6	512.19
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover R. 1	5	6	10	10	11	12	1	5	60			
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville		51	46	69	61	84		15	326	147	9	286.86
Taylor Spirngs	C. C. Redman, New Hope								9	86	55		10.86
Three Forks	W. J. Rogers, Taylorsville R. 2		25	30	10	37	30		11	143	100	2	17.31
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorsville R. 3	10	10	15	7	30	35		7	107			57.15

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Co-Operative Program	Misisons	Orphanage	Hospital	Grand Total	Value Church Property
Antioch	$125.86	$ 56.99	$ 35.00	$ 2.00	$ 10.40	$	$ 12.51	$ 3.20	$ 245.96	$ 1,000
Bethany	156.87	10.00		2.70		21.30	48.40	4.06	258.92	500
Bethel	110.21		38.00	1.80		16.20	9.00	2.25	177.46	1,200
Bethlehem	273.85	53.11	33.00	1.30		14.00	18.71		426.08	2,000
Beulah										
Concord	105.86	28.90	20.00				2.40		158.03	
Damascus	94.25	15.68	42.40	2.35		82.82	15.35	9.05	261.90	1,500
Dover	147.70	23.00	16.50	1.00		5.00	12.84	1.05	207.09	500
East Taylorsville	107.46	52.02	21.00			34.00	15.00	8.40	288.36	1,600
Fair View	120.00		31.55	2.85		11.23	22.00	8.10	221.03	1,000
Gays Chapel	50.00	10.82		.75		5.46	5.50		72.78	
Hiddenite	244.33	268.66	45.15	2.75	41.54	34.37	97.37	25.65	759.82	5,350
Lebanon		21.75		1.25		15.00	25.50		62.45	
Liledoun	159.75	47.86	13.55	1.00		1.25	3.25		216.66	
Linneys Grove	121.85		34.50	2.10		23.77	11.50	11.42	204.94	800
Little River	87.11	2.15	17.00	1.90		5.00	3.81		116.97	1,000
Macedonia	103.60	10.00	27.50	2.00			5.00		153.10	1,000
Millersville	129.71	37.58	22.50	1.05	1.14		2.14	1.26	195.38	2,000
Mt. Herman	106.14	2522.24	14.00	1.65		7.30	1.80	1.46	2605.50	3,500
Mt. Hebron	51.23		15.60		8.96				75.79	1,000
Mt. Nebo	29.50		7.00	1.00			3.00		40.50	1,500
Mt. Olive	183.13	226.26	41.35	3.67	9.83	4.00	67.88	15.00	544.19	2,000
Pilgrim	65.88	102.30	25.00	1.50			5.00		204.68	1,500
Pleasant Grove	161.95	6.19	41.00	2.25		61.00	18.00	10.30	359.00	1,500
Pleasant Hill	58.50	82.62	41.60	2.00		12.63	11.57		208.92	1,000
Poplar Springs	72.03		15.00	1.65					87.03	500
Sulphur Springs	250.57	146.42	47.50	1.70		34.90	57.81	1.62	540.53	3,500
Stony Point	482.98	329.67	42.57	3.00	21.00	92.41	207.68	39.35	1218.66	2,750
Smyrna	71.72	65.44	30.00		10.25			3.40	184.31	4,000
Taylorsville	612.29	353.28	58.45	5.00	130.59	91.51	12.32	12.32	1346.20	12,000
Taylor Springs	102.86	2087.97	43.81	1.81	5.50	21.00	12.50	4.40	2279.87	2,800
Three Forks	236.15	442.50	48.25	2.55		20.44	2.31	1.03	750.23	1,500
White Plains	216.48	55.75	10.85	1.20		10.00	5.69	5.69	310.73	1,500

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Lebanon ---------- E. V. Bumgarner
Linneys Grove ---------- W. E. Linney
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Mt. Olive ----------J. S. Stevenson
Poplar Springs ---------- Lee James, Woodrow Brookshire
Stony Point ---------- W. T. Comer, C. C. Holland
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Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs ---------- D. C. Thompson
White Plains ---------- F. C. Friday, J. A. Icenhour
Hiddenite ---------- D. W. Pool

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1937

10:00 A. M. The Association opened by singing Amazing Grace. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Beach.

The following churches were enrolled:

Antioch—R. S. Austin, W. J. Caldwell, V. W. Teague.
Bethany—C. J. Hendren, Ray Hayes, M. V. Roberson, Charlie Poole.
Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, J. L. Smith, Floyd Barnette.
Bethlehem—Roy Sherrill, T. B. Wagner, R. L. Teague.
Concord—N. R. Martin, Jay Fox, C. O. Little.
Damascus—W. J. Page, Gail Johnson, Miss Maggie McLain.
Dover—F. A. Pennell, Don Mooney.
East Taylorsville—T. J. Fortner, C. H. Gooden, W. S. Davis.
Fair View—J. W. Querry, N. T. Meadows, Loyd Mayberry.
Gays Chapel—W. G. Ellis, M. B. Cashion, W. H. Smith.
Hiddenite—D. F. Milstead, Yates Millsaps, J. P. Hendren.
Lebanon—Claude Fortner, James Watts.
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, N. A. Fox, Millerd Jenkins.
Linneys Grove—J. E. Tedder, Jay Gwaltney, A. E. Millsaps.
Little River—Mrs. T. C. Barnes, N. C. Deal, Bub Bumgarner
Macedonia—H. L. Warren, J. M. Stikeleather, D. A. Carrigan.
Millersville—Ben Thompson, Troy Hedrick, George Stafford
Mt. Herman—L. C. Echerd, W. O. Johnson.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal.
Mt. Olive—Olin Deal, Parks Russell, H. S. Deal.

Pilgrim—Leslie Millsaps, W. G. Mayberry J. W. Childers.

Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, J. C. Goforth, J. I. W. Levan.

Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, Fred Harrington, Eli Harrington.

Poplar Springs—J. D. Walker, W. E. Crouch.

Sulphur Springs—Parks Keever, George Lackey.

Stony Point—Mrs. L. S. Martin, Miss Cordia Pharr, W. C. Grose.

Smyrna—M. C. Cline, J. W. Perkins, B. W. Teague.

Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. L. Watts, J. Monroe Childers.

Taylor Springs—L. T. Younger, C. C. Redman, D. L. Williams.

Three Forks—S. W. Rogers, J. W. McLeod.

White Plains—R. L. Grant, J. A. Robinette, J. A. Icenhour.

The following visitors were welcomed to seats by the Moderator: Rev. W. R. Beach of Caldwell Association, Rev. Arch McMillian of Mills Home, and Rev. C. W. Teague of Johnson Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercise, pastor and messengers of East Taylorsville.

Digest of Church Letters, C. E. Echerd, G. L. Chatham, E. E. Pool.

Nomination—A. E. Watts, E. V. Bumgarner and W. O. Johnson.

The report on Religious Literature was called and the report of 1934 was read by Rev. Fred A. Pennell, was discussed by Rev. Fred A. Pennell and adopted as follows:

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was called and deferred till later time.

The report on Orphanage was called and read by Rev. C. C. Holland, was discussed by Rev. Arch McMillian, and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The cry of the child is a language that everyone understands. As long as a people has a soul, that cry will get its response from that people.

The Baptist of North Carolina began on November 11, 1885, to respond to that cry in a systematic and organized way, when the first child was admitted to the Baptist Orphanage. By pursuing a wise financial policy the orphanage has since that time accumulated assets worth more than a million dollars, and has rendered aid to more than 4000 needy children. It is now being confronted with the embarassment of turning away from 50 to 100 applications each month because it is impossible to make room for them.

So far, the once a month offering from the Sunday Schools and the Thanksgiving offering has been the most satisfactory method of financing this work. Perhaps no other orphanage in all the world is so bound up with Sunday Schools as ours. Yet, out of more than 2,410 Sunday Schools, less than 300 send offerings every month. If every Sunday School would send in the once a month offering the financial problem would be settled. The sending in of the Thanksgiving offering of cash, produce and canned goods has been a tremendous help and it is hoped that all the churches will do all they can in this respect.

Last year's minutes shows all our churches in this association giving something except three or four. The amounts ranged from $1.80, lowest, to $207.68, highest, with all contributing about $796.00. This year we find that 25 churches have reported gifts to the amount of $1022.39.

The chief purpose of our Orphanage work is to produce the highest quality of men and women possible out of the children admitted. To do this every phase of the child's life is cared for, physical, mental, and spiritual. In order that we may all have a part in making noble men and women out of our unfortunate children, let us join hearts and hands, and rededicate our resources anew to this high and holy task, and hear the Savior say at the end of the way, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me".

Respectfully Submitted,

Chas. C. Holland.

11:10—Sermon by Rev. Lee James, text, Gal. 4: 26.

INTERMISSION

1:00 p. m. Collection for Orphanage, amount $15.77.

Report on Fundamental Doctrines was called and read by Rev. W. E. Linney, was very forcibly discussed by Bro. Linney and adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Southern Baptists are largely in agreement as to what the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion are. Southern Baptist ministers are in general accord in the declaration of these doctrines.

But not all Southern Baptist ministers are consistent in Practice with relation to these doctrines. We submit one outstanding example of dereliction.

All the human race is involved in the fall of its federal head. The whole of the human family inherited the evil propensities of our common father; therefore all men are sinners by nature and all accountable men are sinners by practice. God's law condemns sin in men and angels; therefore all men are under condemnation whose sins are unpardoned.

Pardon for sin is promised to those only who repent. Regeneration is wrought in the soul by the operation of the Holy Spirit after, but never before, repentance. The exercise of saving faith follows, but never precedes, repentance. This order is never reversed in Scripture. Repentance is the groundwork of salvation. This is a fundamental doctrine.

We deeply deplore, and earnestly protest against, the unscriptural and dangerous methods employed in revival work by some evengelists who, in their zeal to add numbers to the church rolls, ignore the fact of human depravity and the divine call to repentance.

We believe the inescapable results of such practices are even now in evidence in the loss of spiritual power, in the degradation of moral standards and in the sad delusion of precious souls.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Linney, G. D. White.

The report on Missions was read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, was discussed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and M. A. Huggins and adopted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Missions as we understand the term is giving the gospel to those who do not have it. The precept for Missions is given in the great commandment "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", the example was given by the apostles who went everywhere preaching the gospel of

the Kingdom of Christ. But after nineteen hundred years of gospel preaching and Missionary effort, the "World still lieth in wickednes" and earths teeming millions may still be described in Paul's awful language, "Aliens from the common wealth of Israel, strangers to the covenant of promise, having no hope and without God in the world", and the fruits of this almost universal darkness are world wars, crime, drunkness, vice, sin and shame. And the only remedy for these universal ills is in the renewing and transforming effects of the gospel of Christ. Then how are these lost millions to be reached and saved "The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him", but, "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" and "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? Romans 10: 12 to 16, and we your committee raise the question, How are they to be sent? To the law and the testimony for our answer. "Now there were in the church in Antioch certain prophets and teachers as Barnabas and Simeon, Lucius and Manaen and as they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them they sent them away. So being sent forth by the Holy Ghost departed unto Seleucia," and went hither and yon preaching the gospel of Christ. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. And when this missionary town was finished they "Thence sailed to Antioch from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they were come and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

We, your committee feel that those most nearly committed to this New Testiment plan of evangelizing the world are Bro. T. L. Blalock and his little band yonder today on the farflung line of battle with nothing behind him but the promises of God and the pledge of the churches of the association. Let us rally our churches to support him with our prayers and our means. We recommend regular and systematic giving to this worthy cause, and that as nearly as possible all our people be enlisted in this phase of Kingdoms' work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. Bumgarner.

Collection for Missions $15.22. Adjourned until 7:30 tonight. It was dismissed by Rev. C. W. Teague.

The Association met at 7:30 Wednesday night to hear a program "Fields for Service in the Church." The moderator called the association to order, after which Miss Lucy Thompson, associational director of the Baptist Training Union, presided over the meeting.

The song service was led by Brother C. E. Echerd. Rev. C. C. Holland brought the devotional. The roll was called and the Training Union report read by Miss Lucy Echerd, acting secretary. Rev. C. C. Holland read the nominations for officers for the coming year which were unanimously elected. Following the adoption of the report, Mrs. C. E. Echerd, read the report of the W. M. U. for the year and suggested that this was the missionary service of the church. The Taylorsville quartet, Mrs. W. W. Harrington, Misses Lucy Eugenia, and Mary Connolly Echerd with Miss Joyce Harrington as pianist sang "Jesus Shall Reign". "The Place of Literature in Preparing a Church for Service was discussed by Rev. W. R. Beach. Rev. C. W. Teague, of Smithfield, former associational director, clearly outlined the value of the training union to the country pastor. The quartet sang "A Charge To Keep". Miss Eugenia Echerd, a story hour leader, ably discussed the place and purpose of a Story Hour.

Vital Churches" was the opic of a searching and inspiring address by State Mission Secretary M. A. Huggins.

After singing "Am I A Soldier of The Cross", the association was dismissed by Brother Holland until Thursday morning.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

The past year in our Training Union work has not been one of sensational growth but one of steady progress. While only one new church was organized the existing organizations have been enlarged and strengthened.

We had seventeen from this association attending the last convention of the North Central Region at Mt. Airy. Eleven of our associational officers attended the Second State Officers Conference held in Statesville this spring. This association had a cottage at Ridgecrest for the State Assembly, July 10-16 with eleven persons attending the entire week for the first time.

At all of these meetings we were brought face to face with the necessity of going about doing good daily. We would like every church in this association to be one whose members knew their Bibles, loved the Lord and proved it by lives devoted to Kingdom service. We believe the Training Union can help each church to reach this ideal.

We have always emphasized Bible study. One of our Intermediate girls, Miss Josephine DeVier, won second place at the Regional Bible Drill Contest. We want to train our church members in evangelism and loyalty to their church. In one church the first three persons to accept Christ at the annual revival were three Junior B. Y. P. members whose leader had explained salvation to them in the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. An effort to enlist the Training Union of that church in giving has resulted in a substantial increase in offerings.

These officers for this year will be happy to help any church or pastor plan a Training Union that will glorify Christ: Director, Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville; Associate Director, George Grant, Route 3, Taylorsville; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Rom L. Teague, Taylorsville; Department leaders, Adult, John Webster, Taylorsville; Senior, Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville; Intermediate, Miss Lucille Deal, Taylorsville; Junior, Mrs. P. E. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Story Hour, Miss Eugenia Echerd, Taylorsville; Group leaders, Stony Point Group, Mrs. Glenn Watts, Stony Point; Beluah Group, G. L. Chester, Taylorsville; Mt. Herman Group, Rev. W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville and Pastor Advisor, Rev. S. I. Watts, Boomer.

Respectfully sumbitted,

Lucy Thompson, for the Com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1937

10:00 a. m. The association met as per adjournment. Prayer by Rev. F. A. Pennell. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following visitors were welcomed to seats with us by the Moderator, to-wit: Rev. J. M. Shaver, of Caldwell Association, M. A. Adams, representing the Dry Forces and J. A. McKaughan the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

The report on Evangelism was transferred with the report on Temperance and Law Enforcement.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. S. I. Watts, and discussed by S. I. Watts and Charlie Poole and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There are four things that the Sunday School is doing for our people.

(1). The Sunday School has a great part in the field of Christian Education. It is there that many of our young people learn their first lesson in the great book of God. It is there where they are taught of God and Heavenly things.

(2). The Sunday School plays a great part in the field of Evangelism. We always find the children of the Sunday School the first to be won to Christ, in our revival meetings. This being true we should try to enlist all of our people both young and old in the Sunday School.

(3). The Sunday School is an agency where by Christian lives are developed and made better.

(4). The Sunday School has its part in the great missionary program and is doing untold good in the home land, which is the base of all our Missionary work.

The Sunday School is a part of the church and not a substitute for the church. Nothing should take the place of our church services and our children should be taught to always attend the church services and hear the gospel preached.

Our annual associational Sunday School convention met this year at White Plains church on Saturday, May 29th. A highly inspirational and helpful program was given, built around the general theme "Consider Jesus". There were 21 churches of the association represented by messengers who expressed highest appreciation of the program rendered.

The next annual session will be held with Mt. Hermon church Saturday, May 28th, 1938. With earnest hope that evrey church in the association be represented.

Respectfully submitted

S. I. Watts and Charlie Pool
Committee

The report on Hospitals was read by Bro. A. C. Payne, was discussed by Bro. J. A. McKaughan and adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

The hospital, in the opinion of your committee, is one of the avenues through which many lost people are reached. The spiritual atmosphere of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem is very fine. Almost all of the doctors and nurses and all of the officials of the hospital are active church workers. Services are held daily, prayers for the divine blessing on the sick and loved ones at home are offered. The value of this part of the work alone cannot be estimated.

The year closing June 30th, 1937, was the greatest in the history of the 14 years of ministry of the Baptist hospital located at Winston-Salem—greatest in the number of patients admitted, in the number of churches contributing to its support and greatest in the amount contributed.

About 5000 patients applied for treatment during the year. Of this number 1000 could not be admitted for want of room. The hospital never turns away a patient as long as there is an empty bed.

The nurses' home is now being enlarged, the capacity doubled, also plans are under way to enlarge the hospital. During the year 1000 mothers were returned to their 3000 children. 4,000 patients returned home to 20,000 fathers, mothers brothers and sisters, and 200,000 interested kinsmen and friends.

The hospital has a staff of 5 internes, 6 doctors and 55 nurses. The hospital and doctors are rendering a vast amount of free services to sick and distressed humanity—not less than $160,000 for the year—these patients coming from practically every section of the State.

The hospital depends very largely on the Mothers' Day offering for providing treatment to those who cannot pay. This offering last May was a little more than $20,000. Hospital linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., has been donated in increased quantities this year by Womens Missionary unions, and other church organizations.

As a Christian institution, this hospital always endeavors to minister to, not only the suffering body, but to the distressed mind and spirit as well.

We are glad to report that the number of churches making Mothers' Day offerings to the hospital have increased since the last report, and that the amount sent to the hospital from this association as a result of the last offering is $209.09, an increase over last year of $45.00. Your committee would therefore urge all churches in this association to take a greater interest in the hospital than they have heretofore, and prepare beforehand to make a creditable Mother's Day offering next year.

A. C. Payne,

For the Committee.

Collection for Hospitals, amount $8.78.

The report on Temperance and Law Enforcement was read by Rev. Lee James, was discussed by Rev. Lee James, and M. A. Adams, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND LAW-ENFORCEMENT

Temperance along all lines, and obedience to law is taught in the word of God, and therefore should be piously observed by every child of God.

Temperance, as treated in this report will have to do with the use, manufacture and sale of alcholic beverages. Probably no other form of intemperance has brought more sorrow, suffering, and sin upon the human race than this. Drunkesness destroys health, wrecks fortunes, dethrones reason, and prostitutes character. It is no respector of persons. It attacks the poor man in his hovel, the rich man in his palace, the young man in his strength and the old man in his weakness, nor is it partial to the male sex in its depredation but many of our fair sex are being degraded and wrecked by its ravages. None are safe who allow themeslves to fall under the influence of alcohol.

The moderate drinker thinks he stands in a class by himself. He boasts of his self-control, perhaps not knowing that he is becoming one of the most dangerous persons whom we have to deal with today. He becomes a potential murderer and the greatest menace to our highways so highly congested in this fast age. Most wrecks are caused not by men dead drunk, but by men who have had a drink. The man with a drink is fitted to do so many other things productive of terrible results, the whole world is bleeding and crying as a consequence.

But what has all this to do with law-enforcement? Just this, alcohol has placed its unholy hands on law-enforcement and has almost nullified all enforcement of law when it has to do with prohibiting or curtailing the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. Much ground has been lost in the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. However, we need to conserve what is left to us and not allow the laws we have to be disregarded and to fall into disrepute for lack of enforcement. Let us keep the church out of politics, but let church members as citizens vote for sober men who will execute the law.

Respectfully submitted

J. L. Teague, Lee James,

Committee.

INTERMISSION

1:00 p. m. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator ---------- J. L. Gwaltney

Vice-Moderator ---------- G. L. Chatham

Clerk ---------- R. B. McLeod

Historian ---------- D. Fred Milstead

Treasurer ---------- J. L. Watts

The following delinquent churches presented their letters:

Beulah—S. E. Grant, Ernest Webster.

Mt. Nebo—C. A. Burgess, J. T. Christopher, J. R. Burgess.

The report on Evangelism was read by J. S. Stevenson and J. M. Shaver and adopted.

EVANGELISM

The mission of Jesus was to "Seek and Save the Lost". His spirit was one of compassionate anxiety that all men be saved. Evangelism then to us, as his people should mean the winning of others to his banner.

Evangelism has ever been our strongest fort and we should put our "First and Greatest effort" on bringing lost men to Jesus that they might be saved. Our work depends upon our consecration to this great task. We need to get in earnest about the salvation of our lost people and anchor anew our faith in the doctrine that our "First Duty" as individual Christians and as churches is to reach the lost by which we are surrounded.

If we would be successful in our evangelistic efforts, we must have:

1. A faithful ministry.

2. A consecrated membership.

3. A deep and abiding conviction that man by nature is lost and condemned to hell and that Jesus alone is the only remedy for sinful man.

4. A firm conviction of the value of a soul and to feel alarmed over the eternal danger of our people who are living in sin.

5. There must be much fervent praying and a profound consecrated effort, by both pastor and people and then the spirit to wait for the Holy Spirit to convict and save.

During the last associational year, reported baptisms were 161, which indicates it took 35 of us a whole year to lead one soul to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. As Pastors, Deacons, Leaders, Sunday School officers and teachers, and individual members, we ought to do better than that, and we can if we will catch afresh the spirit of the Man of Calvary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts, J. S. Stevenson.

The report was called and read by Rev. G. C. Teague, was discussed by Rev. G. C. Teague and W. R. Beach and adopted.

REPORT ON GIVING, ITS DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE

Giving originated in the heart of God. Before man ever thought of giving unto God, God gave unto man. God has always been and is still on the giving hand. He gives life, and sustenance for life. He gives wisdom and power to get wealth. He gives grace and eternal life. "He gave his only begotten Son that we might have life". John 3: 16. When God ceases to give, then things and life will cease to be.

The first act of giving upon the part of man we have recorded, was that done by Cain and Abel. Gen. 4: 1-7. The next recorded act of giving was done by Abraham when he gave the tithe to Melchizedek. Gen. 14: 20. Then we have it recorded in Gen. 28: 22 where Jacob gave unto God the tithe and on and on as man multiplied on the earth. Giving came to a fixed thing with the Jews. The law of the tithe was written in the Mosaic Law, and many of the Prophets had much to say about the tithe of giving. Jesus and Paul had much to say about giving in the New Testament. Jesus said: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6: 38. Jesus also said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20: 35. Jesus further gave his approval to the tithe. In Matthew 23: 23 He said: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, Hypotcrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Paul in 1 and 2 Cor. had much to say about giving. He gave us the method of giving, told us who should give and how much to give and when to give..

Giving is fundamental to Christian growth and character. We do not believe that the giving of money is essential to salvation, but the giving of ourselves is. For only as we give or surrender ourselves to Him can we be saved. Therefore we urge the practice of giving according to Bible teaching.

In 1936 we had reported 5,943 church members in this association. We paid for pastors salary, $4,934.82, making an average of $.83 per member. We gave to Missions $624.59, an average of $.10 per member. We gave to the Co-operative program $239.21, an average of $.04 per member. To the Orphanage $715.84 or $.12 per member. To the Hospital $169.01 or $.03 per member. To all objects, $14,783.07 or $2.49 per member.

We ask the question, do we put into practice what we believe and what we know the Bible teaches us to do? "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them". John 13:17.

G. C. Teague,

For the Committee

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Missions ---------- W. E. Linney and F. A. Pennell

Orphanage ---------- J. L. Teague and Chas. Pool

Giving, its Doctrine and Practice—E. V. Bumgarner, and B. F. Peeler.

Temperance and Law Enforcement—C. C. Holland and W. O. Johnson

Fundamental Doctrines------A. E. Watts and G. D. White

Hospitals ---------- G. C. Teague and Lee James

Church and Pastorial relations—S. I. Watts & A. C. Payne

MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek ---------- C. C. Holland

South Yadkin ---------- J. L. Gwaltney

Caldwell ---------- R. B. McLeod

Brushy Mountain ---------- C. E. Echerd

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Three Forks Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1938.

To preach annual sermon ---------- Rev. W. E. Linney
Alternate ---------- Rev. G. C. Teague

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1938 ASSOCIATION

Wednesday:

10:00—Devotional, Rev. W. O. Johnson.
10:15—Roll call of churches, recognition of visitors, and appointment of committees etc.
10:45—Temporance and Law Enforcement.
11:15—Annual Sermon.
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Devotional, Bro. Chas. Pool.
1:15—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
1:30—Orphanage.
2:15—Fundamental Doctrines
2:45—W. M. U., Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney, Mrs. C. E. Echerd.
3:15—Baptist Training Union, Miss Lucy Thompson and Geo. Grant.

Thursday:

10:00—Devotional, Rev. J. S. Stevenson
10:15—Call for delinquent churches, visitors, etc.
10:30—Church and Pastorial relations.
(1). What the church expects of a pastor, A. C. Payne.
(2). What the pastor expects of his church—S. I. Watts.
11:10—Missions.
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Devotional, Rev. F. A. Pennell.
1:15—Annual Election of officers.
1:30—Giving, its Doctrine and Practice.
2:00—Hospitals.
2:30—Miscellaneous.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts
E. V. Bumgarner
W. O. Johnson
Committee.

REPORT OF DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

A digest of thirty-three reveals amounts given to the five major objects during the past year as follows:

Pastors' Salaries	$5,279.12
Co-operative Programs	150.79
Missions	820.79
Orphanage	1,075.67
Hospitals	214.08
Total	$7,540.46

The following motion of Concord church was put before the association, which went by without action.

Concord Baptist church in conference by motion and second voted as a whole body against the form in which our Alexander Baptist Association letters are printed or published at the present time. We would like to have the form of our Association letters of some ten years ago. As we think they would suit the Alexander Association much better. We hope they will be changed.

This September 26, 1937.

Rev. W. O. Johnson, Moderator,
N. R. Martin, Clerk.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the messengers and representatives of the churches represented in this body, wish to express our hearty appreciation to the members of East Taylorsville Baptist church and community for the hospitality shown us during the two days we were with you.

May God bless you as a church and community in your future work for the Kingdom.

H. S. Deal
S. I. Watts
Committee.

Dismissed by Rev. J. M. Shaver until Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1938.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mr. Roy Munday, Mr. Thomas Pennell.

Bethel—Mrs. Amanda Barnette

Bethany—Mrs. Mary Hayes.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Isabel Teague, Deacon James Hefner, Mrs. Amanda Teague.

Concord—Mrs. Addie Rector, Mrs. Linnie Warren.

Damascus—Deacon Noah G. Sloan, Mrs. W. E. Shaver.

Liledoun—Mr. Jonas Teague, Mrs. Maggie Jenkins.

Linneys Grove—Mr. Walter W. McLain, Mrs. Lillie Bowles.

Little River—Mrs. D. C. Rogers, Mrs. Martha Brown.

Macedonia—Mrs. Roxana Hefner, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mrs. Elmyra Crouch, Mrs. Ida Dagenhart.

Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Nancy Barnette.

Mt. Olive—Mr. W. J. Davidson, Mr. John B. Russell.

Pilgrim—Deacon W. R. Fox.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Martha Goforth.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. John Davidson, Miss Mary Mitchell, Deacon John Gordon Deal.

Poplar Springs—Mr. Noah Land, Mr. Powell Chapman, Miss Jane McGee.

Taylorsville—Mrs. Helen Bowman Goodnight, Mrs. Fannie Echerd, Mrs. Eva Goble Sawyer.

Taylor Springs—Miss Malvina Williams, Mr. Burris Dishman.

Three Forks—Mr. W. Mike Herman, Mrs. Elizabeth Herman, Miss Mary Lou Watts.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

East Taylorsville Baptist church was organized February 10, 1924. Rev. A. W. Wilcox was called as first pastor and Bro. S. G. Earp was elected church clerk. Brethern T. J. Fortner and R. L. Chamberlain were elected as deacons. The first and third Sundays were selected as days for regular services.

The charter members of this organization were as follows: T. J. Fortner, R. L. Chamberlain, S. G. Earp, Mrs. T. J. Fortner, Mrs. R. L. Chamberlain, Mrs. Texie Pennell, Estelle Chapman, Lizzie Robinette, T. J. Robinette, I. A. Pennell, Mrs. S. G. Earp, W. J. Fortner, Parker Pennell.

On February 10, 1925, Rev. A. W. Wilcox was called again to the pastorate and Bro. R. L. Chamberlain was made church clerk. On March 22, 1925 East Taylorsville church met to ordain Bro. B. F. Peeler as a minister of the Gospel. After a song Rev. L. P. Gwaltney made the examination. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. F. Friday. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner gave the instruction to Bro. Peeler. The pastor, Bro. Wilcox, presented Bro. Peeler with the Holy Bible. The presbytery was composed of the following brethern: Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, E. V. Bumgarner, C. F. Friday, A. W. Wilcox and J. M. McAlpine.

The following have served as pastors: Rev. A. W. Wilcox, E. V. Bumgarner, B. F. Peeler, C. C. Holland. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner is the present pastor.

The church is located in East Taylorsville just off State Highway No. 90. The building is a frame structure and nicely painted. The present membership is 235.

D. Fred Milstead, Historian.

REPORT OF THE WOMANS MISSIONARY AUXILIARY TO ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Realizing that women have in the past, and are in the present playing an important part in Kingdom work, we of the Alexander County Woman's Missionary Union wish to state to the churches the beneficial results of the W. M. U. first, to the individuals composing the union and secondly, to others, the needy at home and abroad.

It benefits its members by teaching them the value of co-operation, concerting their efforts, increasing their knowledge, and deepening their sympathies for the work assigned by the Master in the Great Commission.

For the good of others it gives aid and comfort to the poor, the sick and the distressed around us,and carries the gospel to those who have it not in our state, our southland and in the broad mission fields of the world.

We wish to report that we have made some progress during the past year. We helped organize one new union at East Taylorsville Baptist church. We have sufficiently interested several others in the work so that they are ready to organize.

The Auxiliary met three times during the year, once each with Taylorsville, Hiddenite and Stony Point. The programs were both interesting and helpful.

We are supporting a native Chinese missionary under the direction of Bro. T. L. Blalock and are planning to erect a church building for his use. The following is a statement of our expenditures.

Native Missionary's Salary	$84.00
Native Missionary's house	40.65
Baptist Hospital	13.50
Lottie Moon offering	23.25
Mills Home	29.75
Local expenses	46.20
Co-operative program	16.00
	$253.35

The officers elected for the year are:
President—Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney.
Vice-president—Mrs. J. P. Watts.
Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Chas. E. Echerd.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney
Mrs. Chas. E. Echerd.

THE WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION

	Number of Organizations	Enrollment	Gifts to Local Expenses	Gifts to Missions etc.	Total
Hiddenite	1	25	$ 22.15	$ 74.10	$ 96.25
Stony Point	2	15	5.00	80.07	85.07
Taylorsville	2	50	174.96	104.15	279.11

Report of J. L. Watts, Treasurer of Alexander Association for the Year Ending October 1, 1937.

Missions to Elder T. L. Blalock	$549.50
Ladies Auxiliaries—2 churches Taylorsville Hiddenite, and Stony Point, for local Missionary in China	84.00
	$633.50
Passage money for Eld. W. L. Randal	10.50
Minute Funds from 32 churches	60.05
Co-op. Program-Hiddenite church	11.00
Collection at Association for Mills Home	15.77
Collection at Association for T. L. Blalcok Included in above account ($15.22).	
	$730.82

J. L. Watts, Treas.

THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

		B.A.U.'s	Senior B.Y.P.U.	Inter. B.Y.P.U.	Junior B.Y.P.U.	Story Hour	Total
TAYLORSVILLE	No. of B.A.U.'s & B.Y.P.U.'s	1	1	1	1	1	5
	Enrollment	5	11	24	13	8	61
	Daily Bible Readers	3	3	4	3	0	13
	Taking Study Course	3	7	8	10	0	28
	Systematic Givers	3	8	13	6	0	30
STONY POINT	No. of B.A.U.'s & B.Y.P.U.'s			1	1	0	2
	Enrollment			8	7	0	15

TABLE I—CHURCH AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Gains: Baptisms	Gains: Letters	Losses: Restoration	Losses: Erasure	Losses: Letters	Losses: Deaths	Total Membership
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Granite Falls	W. R. Austin, Hickory, R. 2	1826	2&4	4	0	0	3	10	2	170
Bethany	F. C. Watts, Purlear	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	1892	3	16	4	0	0	3	1	220
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	1800	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	210
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	R. L. Teague, Bentley	1871	1&3	12	1	1	0	1	3	292
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville	S. E. Gant, Taylorsville	1936	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Concord	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville R. 2	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	1852	2&4	5	0	0	0	8	2	189
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	Maggie McLain, Statesville R. 2	1839	1	5	0	0	0	1	2	200
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville R. 2	1833	4	15	0	0	0	7	1	240
East Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	1&2	15	3	0	0	5	0	231
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite R.	1922	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	121
Gays Chapel	W. H. Mann, Mooresville	W. G. Ellis, Statesville, R. 1	1885	2&4	5	0	0	0	2	0	100
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	D. F. Milstead, Hiddenite		1-2-4	2	2	0	0	0	1	125
Lebanon	B. F. Peeler	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2&4	8	0	0	15	9	1	72
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville R. 1	1906	3&4	12	2	1	3	0	2	251
Linneys Grove	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite R.	1895	3	6	0	0	0	4	2	135
Little River	F. C. Watts, Purlear	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville R. 2	1792	4	7	1	0	0	1	2	127
Macedonia	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	1855	1	6	3	0	0	0	4	125
Millersville	Lee James, Taylorsville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	1923	1&3	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Mt. Herman	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. E. Johnson, Tayorsville R. 2	1912	2	7	12	0	0	0	0	227
Mt. Hebron	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville R. 2	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob 2	1915	3	11	5	0	2	0	1	162
Mt. Nebo	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville R. 2	C. A. Burgess, Hiddenite	1907	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	87
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	176
Pilgrim	Noah Hayes, North Wilkesboro	Leslie Millsaps, New Hope	1837	1	10	2	0	0	3	1	195
Pleasant Grove	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	Lincoln Childers, Statesville	1900	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	128
Pleasant Hill	Morris Baker, Gastonia	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	1852	1	11	1	0	0	2	3	182
Poplar Springs	Woodrow Brookshire, Taylorsville	Thurston Barnes, Taylorsville	1872	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	227
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	4	0	0	0	2	4	172
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville,	W. C. Grose, Statesville R. 6	1909	1&3	0	7	0	0	9	0	262
Smyrna	J. L. Teague, Hickory, R. 2	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville R. 1	1923	1&3	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2-3-4	15	3	0	20	2	3	372
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1852	1	3	3	1	0	2	2	225
Three Forks	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville R. 2	1857	3	9	0	0	0	4	3	265
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, R. 3	1913	2	5	0	0	0	2	1	223
					202	51	3	45	81	48	5980

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediate	Young People	Adults	Cradle Roll	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Average	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts from S. S.
Antioch	Howard Keller, Hickory, R. 2	15	15	15	20	20	30	0	10	125	75	2	$ 17.90
Bethany	J. A. Costner, Pores Knob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	145	70	0	
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls	21	0	20	22	12	20	0	9	104	51	0	33.56
Beulah	Ernest Webster, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Concord	Lloyd Douglas, Taylorsville, R. 3	5	10	12	15	0	20	0	7	69	0	0	17.15
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville, R. 5	5	9	9	6	12	13	0	6	60	32	4	24.44
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville, R. 2	0	0	25	25	0	26	0	4	80	0	0	28.65
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	73.96
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	68.59
Gays Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, R. 1	0	17	13	0	16	18	0	6	70	0	0	26.70
Hiddenite	D. F. Milstead, Hiddenite	15	14	11	14	10	52	20	16	152	90	2	333.46
Lebanon	L. G. Sweet, Taylorsville, R. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	35	0	19.00
Liledoun	No. Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Linneys Grove	A. E. Millsaps, Hiddenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	44	3	2.00
Little River	Bub Bumgarner, Taylorsville	12	12	12	12	0	12	0	0	60	0	7	
Macedonia	No Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Millersville	Ruth Stallings, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville, R. 2	18	20	18	0	19	35	0	7	117	85	5	59.75
Mt. Hebron	No Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher, Stony Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	4.46
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2	18	15	0	20	30	30	0	7	110	67	0	17.81
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	5	8	10	10	15	15	0	7	70	50	6	28.86
Pleasant Grove	J. S. Johnson, Stony Point	1	13	8	8	26	8	3	7	74	45	3	8.89
Pleasant Hill	Howard Deal, Taylorsville, R. 3	0	24	19	24	43	32	0	7	149	66	5	5.08
Poplar Springs	No Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	0	21	17	18	33	38	0	11	138	53	0	77.96
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, R. 6	33	26	20	27	29	78	4	12	229	157	0	429.39
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover	8	8	12	10	10	8	0	4	60	25	0	
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville,	10	23	44	54	66	85	0	16	296	134	13	327.40
Taylor Springs	Mrs. S. B. Williams, New Hope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	18.00
Three Forks	S. W. Rogers, Taylorsville R. 2	15	20	15	12	0	15	0	7	84	45	6	6.00
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorsville, R. 3	7	8	25	8	20	38	0	8	114	65	0	56.34
	Total -	188	263	305	305	361	645	27	171	2309	1399	56	$1600.00

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Co-operative Program	Minute Fund	Grand Total	Value of Property
Antioch	139.91	$ 38.72	$ 38.00	$	$	$ 1.70	$ 5.00	$11.00	$ 2.50	$ 236.83	$1,000.00
Bethany	187.31	7.25	42.37		36.31	37.48	4.00	2.00		320.52	800.00
Bethel	100.00		61.00		16.12	6.62	5.00		1.75	190.49	1,200.00
Bethlehem	305.73	54.95	30.00	150.80	28.00	72.49			1.80	537.63	1,800.00
Beulah	40.00				7.00				1.00	48.00	
Concord	110.90	11.00	32.00			5.15	2.00		.50	161.55	1,800.00
Damascus	130.75	22.20	42.35		60.96	14.40	7.92		2.46	281.04	1,500.00
Dover	88.27	41.19	24.85		6.07	22.58	3.85		1.45	252.21	500.00
East Taylorsville	173.77		31.50						1.20	206.47	
Fair View	135.00	135.07	28.65		14.95	36.73	9.69		3.00	363.09	1,000.00
Gays Chapel	50.00	41.70	20.00		3.00	15.00			1.00	138.70	1,000.00
Hiddenite	260.34	283.50	44.00	82.96	82.47	148.37	30.50	18.16	2.75	950.55	5,500.00
Lebanon	200.00	30.00	44.00		42.85				2.35	308.75	
Liledoun	162.37		20.95	72.56		3.64	6.41		90	226.83	
Linneys Grove	136.69	114.15	40.00		19.61	15.09	5.72		2.00	333.26	800.00
Little River	96.28	15.00	17.00		11.80				1.00	141.08	1,000.00
Macedonia	75.00		20.00	125.00					1.50	221.50	1,000.00
Millersville	87.20	10.08	20.00						1.05	118.33	2,000.00
Mt. Hermon	115.72	34.59	19.00	269.17	9.53	9.57	3.62		1.53	662.73	3,500.00
Mt. Hebron	49.79		24.62		7.12				90	82.43	1,000.00
Mt. Nebo	50.64		14.25			2.00				66.89	1,000.00
Mt. Olive	105.21	102.79	44.68		13.80	120.00			2.00	398.50	2,000.00
Pilgrim	70.12	3.00	26.50		3.00	5.00	2.00		1.50	127.48	1,500.00
Pleasant Grove	177.93	8.80	31.00		87.44	17.00	14.00		2.50	338.67	1,500.00
Pleasant Hill	106.50	28.86	7.50		5.08	5.08	9.00		2.00	174.02	
Poplar Springs	94.15	23.00	23.00	235.00					1.20	375.15	750.00
Sulphur Springs	228.16	89.11	38.87	13.21	22.01	67.10	4.50		1.15	442.10	3,500.00
Stony Point	518.57	329.95			109.58	225.02	51.10	26.00	4.00	1264.55	2,750.00
Smyrna	94.63	14.42	24.45		8.88	11.38	2.65	4.11	1.00	161.52	3.100.00
Taylorsville	662.89	530.09	55.18	173.10	219.09	95.56	25.66	20.50	5.00	1787.07	10,000.00
Taylor Springs	123.97	33.00	50.00	130.00	15.87	11.43	9.44		1.75	375.46	1,500.00
Three Forks	273.25	23.10	56.10		25.81	54.00			3.00	438.06	1,500.00
White Plains	127.74	43.26	27.00	4.20	11.25	20.00	7.03		1.80	242.28	
	5279.20	2068.78	998.82	1256.00	867.60	1022.39	209.09	81.77	57.54	11973.74	54,500.00

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Hiddenite ---------- D. W. Pool
Lebanon ---------- E. V. Bumgarner
Liledoun ---------- Cas McAlpine
Mt. Hermon ---------- W. O. Johnson, Levi W. Teague
Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stevenson
Poplar Springs ---------- Woodrow Brookshire, Lee James
Stony Point ---------- W. T. Comer
Taylorsville ---------- C. C. Holland, A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs ---------- D. C. Thompson, L. C. Younger
White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday

FIRST DAY. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1938

10:00 A. M. The Association was opened by singing "O Happy Day" Devotional, D. C. Thompson, Read 13th chapter of First Cor.

Roll call of churches and the following presented letters:

Antioch—Mrs. V. W. Teague, O. S. Teague.

Bethany—J. P. Tedder, Homer Costner, C. J. Hendren.

Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, Vaughn Bentley, Floyd Barnette.

Bethlehem—Ray Sherrill, Charlie Starnes, Howard Teague.

Beulah

Concord—Jay Fox, F. E. Binkley, Q. S. Shook.

Damascus—A. A. Leach, J. A. McLain, W. J. Page.

Dover—F. A. Pennell, Richard White.

East Taylorsville—T. J. Fortner, J. Van Baker.

Fair View—J. W. Querry, W. B. Hendren, J. H. Looper.

Hiddenite—D F. Milstead, J. H. Hendren, T. M. Kerley.

Gays Chapel—W. B. Cashon, W. G. Ellis, G. L. Deal.

Lebanon—L. G. Sweet, Howard Fortner.

Liledoun—E. M. Jenkins, C. A. Smith.

Linneys Grove—J. E. Tedder, C. J. Gwaltney, Lee Childers.

Little River—N. C. Deal, Miss Hazel Barnes.

Macedonia—W. P. Smith, J. P. Mecimore, D. A. Carrigan.

Millersville—G. W. Stafford, I. S. Hedrick, W. B. Thompson.

Mt. Hebron—By letter.

Mt. Hermon—D. W. Johnson, J. B. Echerd.

Mt. Nebo—J. R. Burgess, J. T. Christopher, Clyde Steele.

Mt. Olive—Olin Deal, Ralph Russell, Edgar Deal.

Pilgrim—L. C. Millsaps, Willie Brewer, Henry Hayes.

Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, J. L. Childers, J. A. Hayes.

Pleasant Hill—J. Zeno Harrington, Jeffie Daniels, Frank Gwaltney.

Poplar Springs—Harrison Robinette.

Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, Paul Bowles, Jay Lackey.

Stony Point—Mrs. J. P. Watts, Max Alexander, W. C. Grose.

Smyrna—J. W. Perkins, J. J. Black, Woodrow Teague.

Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, Mrs. Rom Teague, Mrs. J. L. Watts.

Taylor Springs—D. C. Thompson, Navy Millsaps, B. D Mayberry.

Three Forks—S. W. Rogers, W. V. Watts, R. R. Herman.

White Plains—R. L. Grant, J. A. Icenhour, Mrs. J. A. Robinette.

The following visiting brethern were welcomed to seats by the Moderator: Rev. Arch McMillian of Mills Home, and Rev. M. A. Adams representing the Dry forces.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Digest of church letters, C. E. Echerd, S. F. Cook, and Ray Sherrill. Nominations, A. E. Watts, E. V. Bumgarner and A. C. Payne.

The report on Temperance and Law Enforcement was called. The committee was not present. Rev. M. A. Adams discussed Temperance without a report. Collection for Dry Forces, amount $21.90.

11:15 Sermon by Rev. G. C. Teague. Text, Heb. 7:25.

12:00 Noon—Dinner.

1:00—Prayer by Charlie Pool.

The Report on Orphanage was called. Rev. J. L. Teague chairman was not present with a report. By motion of Bro. Charlie Pool the report of last year was adopted and discussed by Bro. McMillian. Collection for Orphanage $22.35.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

The Report on Fundamental Doctrine was called and was read by Rev. A. E. Watts, Chairman. Was discussed by Rev. A. E. Watts and G. D. White and adopted as follows:

By the term Fundamental Doctrines we mean those great doctrinal truths which underlie and support true Christianity. In the Bible these truths are called foundations and "if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalms 11: 3. Hence the vital importance of firmly anchoring to them.

Your committee therefore would urge the importance of guarding with jealous care, all the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, for indeed the Bible is our guide to live by and our tool to work with.

We would mention and emphasize, the inspiration of the Bible; the love of God; Faith in God; the power of prayer; the power of the gospel to save lost men; the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus; the universal depravity of the human race; conviction of sin as the office work of the Holy Spirit; Repentance of sin as the initial step in man's salvation; a living saving faith in the Lord Jesus for salvation; and a life of obedience and righteousness as an evidence of regeneration and the accepting as our first christian duty, the privilege of being a witness for our Lord and Savior.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts
G. D. White

Committee.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

The Report on W. M. U. was called. Was read by Mrs. C. E. Echerd. Was discussed by Mrs. C. E. Echerd, Mrs. Bryan Matlock and Miss Anne Baker and adopted as follows:

In the Master's vineyard there is a place for everyone who is willing to labor. From the time that Christ walked on earth even to the present, a great part of His work has been done by faithful, consecrated women, working either singly or in groups. Experience has taught us that the maximum amount of work is accompilshed by the concerted efforts of bands of workers rather than by inviduals laboring independently. Our Women's Missionary Union is an example of this organized effort. As a group these women are accomplishing things that as individuals they would never dare undertake. Improvements on church buildings, grounds, and equipment, chairty work in the community and mission work in various parts of the world—all these come within the scope of the work of the W. M. U.

The Alexander Associational Woman's Missionary Union is made up of four churches in which there are four Missionary Societies, two Young Woman's Auxiliaries and two Girls Auxilaries, with a total membership of 166. During the past year these Missionary Organizations contributed a total of $262.57.

Support of Native Missionary in China		$ 84.00
Missions and Benevolences		75.60
Work at home		102.97
	Total	$262.57

There has been an increase in numbers and interest during the past year, however we urge every woman to co-operate by having a Missionary Organization in her church, that we may all share in the opportunities and obligations of this great Kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney

Mrs. Chas. E. Echerd

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Report on Baptist Training Union was read by Miss Lucy Thompson. Was discussed by Miss Lucy Thompson, Rev. S. I. Watts and G. C. Teague and adopted as follows:

During the past year the Alexander Associational Baptist Training Union has been deeply interested in evangelism. During the third week in May, five churches joined in a study of "Winning Others to Christ" by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell. Approximately one hundred and fifty were enrolled in the classes but the benefit of this week can only be measured in Eternity.

The enrichment of lives through the training program is reflected in the fact that one young lady from this association entered college this fall to prepare for mission work. Through the influence of the Training Union, she was led to dedicate her life at the state assembly in Ridgecrest July 10-15. Thirteen others from Alexander attending the Ridgecrest Assembly came away with renewed consecration and devotion to the Lord Jesus.

The winner of the North Central Regional Senior Better Speaker's Contest was Miss Geraldine DeVier, of the Taylorsville church who spoke on "Each Disciple His Witness". Surely there could be no better theme for study than that of this year: We Are His Witnesses.

At first the Training Union was only a young people's organization but that day has passed. We all realize now that it is not only our young people but all our church members who need training in Bible study, prayer and witnessing for Christ. As we seek to establish this work in our churches, we must plan for the enlistment of all members in an all-time, all-round program.

We must understand the Training Union as a church training camp preparing all Christians for effective service. Our Training Union must and wants to work together with the Sunday Schools and the Woman's Missionary Unions to carry out the whole program of Jesus. We must seek to develop every Christian by having the Training Union not as a summer time organization but as a permanent part of the church.

To carry out this we must have a mature leadership. The pastors of Alexander association are the spiritual leaders of their churches and we ask them to become the guiding head of every Baptist Training Union that this part of the church may do its part in preparing every Christian to become active in service for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted
Lucy Thompson

Dismissed by Rev. R. W. Beach 'till 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 1938

The Association as preadjournment. Devotional by J. S. Stevenson. Read Jer. 20:7-8-9. Prayer by Rev. Lee James.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was called and read by Bro. A. C. Payne chairman. Was discussed by Bro. A. C. Payne, Rev. S. I. Watts, Bro. C. E. Echerd and G. C. Teague, and adopted as follows:

This subject having been omitted from the program of the association for four years, your committee feels that it is well that it should again be brought to the attention of the churches. So far as your committee's information goes, the best of feelings exists among the churches and their pastors, and it is well that this is so, for there is nothing more essential to the progress of the church in fulfilling the "Great Commission" than the christian like spirit and feeling existing between the patsor, the religious leader, and the church. It is evident from past experience and observation that the influence of the church is greatly diminished and fellowship destroyed when there is discord between the pastor and the church.

We wish and pray for a greater faith in Christ, and a fuller fellowship among the membership of the churches, that the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only head of the church, may go forward in the saving of lost souls.

The committee wishes to urge a more liberal contribution to the support of the pastors. If this is accomplished in a manner as it should be, then the pastor will be enabled to

give more attention to the work of the church instead of trying to make a living for himself and family otherwise. Your committee is of the opinion that the underlying cause that no greater amount of money is contributed to the pastors is that so few of the membership have to do this. An average of $1.00 for each member of the church would greatly increase the total amount heretofore given for this purpose. Instead of $5,000.00 for all the pastors of the association, there would be an increase of at least one fourth. This is a matter that should be given constant attention by the church.

The church and the pastor will never be able to reach its highest aim in a community until the members of the church realize that they must be one hundred per cent behind the pastor, and the pastor behind the church, and working toward the high mission for which the great and only leader of the church established it.

Your committee feels that a church cannot make extraordinary demands upon the pastor until it has done its duty toward his support. Of course your committee realizes that there are certain duties that a pastor must perform toward the church but every pastor should know what these duties are, or what the church expects of him. If he does not know then the quicker he learns the better it will be for all concerned. That is not, however saying that any pastor can meet all of the expectations of a church.

It is abundantly taught in the Bible that it is the duty of the church to support the pastor insofar as it is able to do so. We trust that the church's members will not lost sight of this important matter. If the pastor receives a full support from the church, then it is incumbent upon the pastor to do his full duty as pastor. This, your committee believes, has grown more essential as the years have passed and is now a more potent fact that it has ever been in the history of the world.

The order of business of this meeting divides this subject into two heads, first "What the church expects of a pastor", and second, "What the pastor expects of his church."

Your committee hopes that the discussion of this order of business will be beneficial and that the pastors and churches will be brought unto a closer relationship in the work of the Master.

Respectfully submitted

A. C. Payne
S. I. Watts

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The report on Missions was called and read by Rev. F. A. Pennell. Was discussed by Bro. F. A. Pennell, G. D. White, M. O. Alexander and adopted as follows:

The need for Mission work has never been greater than at the present time. The opportunity has never been more promising than now. The responsibility increases with each need and each new opportunity increases the responsibility at least four fold. The sacrifice made by our Missionaries is so great that it is not possible to describe it in an adequate manner. Their love for Christ calls for a forgetting of self and human needs that we fear most of us do not feel. Their love for the loss compells them to give their all in order that may tell the story to some one who has not heard. The danger encountered especially China where our Bro. Blalock and his band are located.

The sick and the suffering in these stricken areas are ready to hear the gospel. Those who see and hear of the love sympathy and sacrifice of our Missionaries are more ready to listen than ever before.

Further description of the field and the need is not necessary. The burning question is can we who have all the blessings of our loved country rise to meet the emergency and support those who represent us in this great task. A small sacrifice on our part would enable those whom we have sent to give more time to the suffering needs around them.

The command to go, to teach, to give, to send, is to us who are so prone to forget. Let us who can hear the gospel at any time give of our means and give liberally in order that those whom we have sent may be able to tell the story of Jesus and not suffer privation.

Respectfully submitted

F. A. Pennell.

INTERSECTION

1:00 P. M. Devotional by Rev. F. A. Pennell. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Webster.

Annual election of officers: Moderator, A. E. Watts with Bro. J. L. Gwaltney, honorary Moderator so long as he shall live; Clerk, R. B. McLeod; Treasurer, J. L. Watts; Historian, D. Fred Milstead.

GIVING ITS DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE

The report on Giving, its Doctrine and Practice was called. Was read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. It was discussed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and M. O. Alexander and adopted as follows:

It was suggested in last years report that giving had its origin in the heart of God. "Every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of Lights with whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning." The fact that God has given so much to man for his happiness and comfort and salvation obligates man to give to God, first himself then of his means to promote the glory of God in the salvation of others. Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise". So throughout the Bible we have both the precept and the example for Christian giving. And in view of this it is surprisingly strange that so many professed christians seem to feel they owe their Lord and Master nothing.

Giving is represented in the new Testament as a Grace. "We do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia"; 2nd Cor. 8: 1; again verse 7, "Therefore as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

Since Giving is a christian grace it should be cultivated with other Christian graces, otherwise we can not have a well rounded christian character. A New Testament plan for financing the Kingdom of God is, "Let every one of you lay by him in store on the first day of the week according as the Lord has prospered you". This plan suggests first who is to give.. Everyone. Second how much are we to give? According as the Lord has prospered us. Third when are we to give? Lay by in store on the first day of the week. This suggests that it is to be done regularly and systematically every Lords Day. This plan if followed would solve all our financial problems and the treasury would be filled to over flowing. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine", Prov. 3. "It is more bessed to give than to receive". Our own divine Master, "The liberal soul shall be made fat", "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,", let us try to interest all our people in this christian grace.

Respectfully,

E. V. Bumgarner.

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Collection for Misisons, amount $15.84.

The report on Hospitals was read by Rev. G. C. Teague. Was discussed by Rev. G. C. Teague, Bro. C. L. Parker, M. O. Alexander and adopted as follows:

The Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922, and received its first patient May 28, 1923.

It was established for the purpose of providing hospital treatment for the sick of the entire State, especially those who are not able to pay for hospital treament. We could not be true to Christ, whose representatives we are, if we did not do something in a large way to relieve human suffering, especially those who are not able to pay for treatment.

The main hospital is a six-story fire-proof building located on a beautiful elevation in the western part of Winston-Salem. It has a capacity of 108 beds with modern conveniences for the care and treatment of the sick. The nurses home is located nearby, a three-story fire proof building, sufficient to house one hundred nurses.

The Hospital has a staff of 70 medical and surgical doctors, subject to call and 91 nurses. The hospital also has a school for nurses.

On September 1, 1938, over 41,000 patients had entered the hospital since it was established. An average of 346 are admitted each month. During the past year 4150 patients were admitted and treated and over 2000 were turned away for lack of room. In 1937. the hospital treated 1564 patients who could pay little or nothing, at an estimated cost of $78,000 plus an estimated free medical and surgical service of $117,800 or a total of $195,800 of free service. The hospital has to depend almost entirely on the Mother's Day offering by the churches and the Sunday Schools to provide treatment for these cases. The hospital receives from the Duke Endowment Fund $1.00 per day for each charity patient which is about one fourth the cost of treatment. The four percent received from the Co-operativei Program cannot be used for this purpose, but it is used for the liquidation of the Hospital construction bonds.

The hospital does not discriminate against members of other denominations. Its doors are open to every hospital case of God's sick and suffering humanity. They go there from almost every county in the State.

The personnel of the hospital is made up of christian men and women, and most of them are active church workers. They are well qualified to minister not only to the physical needs of man, but to the spiritual as well. It is an institution operated in keeping with the program of Jesus.

The great need now is more room. The Superintendent states that they are not able to take more than half the patients applying for treatment. The proposed new addition will more than double the bed capacity making more than 200 beds for the hospital, which will enable us to render a greater service to humanity, in the name of our Lord.

Will we not give to this institution and to this great humanitarian cause, our loyal co-operation and support? Surely for those who can and will relieve human suffering in the name of Christ it is well-pleasing to Almighty God.

G. C. Teague.

MISCELLANEOUS

By motion of Bro. A. C. Payne the Association appointed Bro. C. E. Echerd chairman of a committee he may select to solicit funds for the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Bro Zon Robinson of Wake Forest made a wonderful talk on Christian Education.

The committee on Nominations made the following report.

Report On Nominations

Missions ---------- G. C. Teague and Chas E. Echerd
Orphanage ---------- F. A. Pennell and D. C. Thompson
Giving, its Doctrine and Practice ----- Chas. C. Holland and D. F. Milstead
Temperance and Law Enforcement—A. C. Payne and Chas. Poole.
Fundamental Doctrines—E. V. Bumgarner and J. S. Stevenson.
Hospital ---------- S. I. Watts and W. C. Grose
Evangelism ---------- G. D. White and B. F. Peeler
W. M. U. ---------- Mrs. J. P. Watts and Mrs. C. E. Echerd
Baptist Training Union—Mrs. Rom Teague, Misses Annie Baker and Lucy Thompson.

Messengers To Other Associations

Brier Creek ---------- J. L. Gwaltney

South Yadkin ---------- A. C. Payne

Caldwell ---------- C. E. Echerd

Brushy Mountain ---------- R. B. McLeod

Time And Place And Preacher

Linney's Grove Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1939.
To Preach annual sermon ---------- Rev. Chas. C. Holland
Alternate ---------- Rev. S. I. Watts

Order of Business For 1939 Association

Wednesday:

10:00—Devotional, Rev. F. A. Pennell.
10:15—Roll call of Churches recognition of visitors, and appointment of committees etc.
10:45—Hospital
11:15—Annual Sermon
12:00—Intermission
1:00—Devotional, Rev. John Webster.
1:15—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
1:30—Missions.
2:00—Giving, its doctrine and practice.
2:30—W. M. U.
3:00 Miscellaneous.

Thursday:

10:00—Devotional, Rev. Lee James.
10:15—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
10:30—Orphanage.
11:00—Fundamental Doctrines.
10:30—Baptist Training Union.
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Devotional, Rev. Chas. Poole.
1:15—Annual Election of officers.
1:30—Temperance and Law Enforcement.
2:00—Evangelism.
2:30—Miscellaneous and adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts
E. V. Bumgarner
A. C. Payne

Report on digest of church letters as follows was adopted.

A digest of 33 letters reveals amounts given to the five major objects as follows:

Pastors Salaries	$5,464.87
Co-operative Program	126.42
Missions	840.11
Orphanage	1,114.18
Hospitals	222.54
Total	7,768.12
All other objects	4,044.10
Total of all objects	11,812.22

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner was appointed to write a memorial of our departed Bro. W. E. Linney and to print same in the minutes.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the messengers and representatives of the churches represented in this body, wish to express our hearty appreciation to the members of Three Forks Baptist church and community for the hospitality shown us during the two days we were with you.

May God bless you as a church and community in your future work for the Kingdom.

A. C. Payne
A. E. Watts
Committee

Dismissed by Bro. J. B. Echerd till Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1939.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mr. J. A. Cline, Mrs. Francis Taunt.

Bethany—Mr. J. H. Moore, Mr. John E. Hendren, Mrs. N. F. Baker.

Bethel—Mrs. Henrietta Hendren.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Elkanah Benfield.

Concord—Mrs. Victoria Pool.

Damascus—Mrs. A. C. Jones

Dover—Mr. Noah McAlpine, Mrs. Susan Holsclaw, Mr. Orren White.

Hiddenite—Mrs. Mary Rebecca Gryder.

Linneys Grove—Rev. W. E. Linney, Mr. J. C. Campbell, Mr. Pressley Wiles, Mrs. Mary M. Greene, Mrs. Mary Ann Mitchell.

Macedonia—Mr. John Pool, Mrs. John Pool, Mrs. Bertha Warren Bowman, Mr. Newton White.

Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Eliza Goforth, Mr. Larken Bentley, Mr. Parks Kerley (deacon).

Mt. Hermon—Mrs. Obie Ingram.

Mt. Nebo—W. L. King.

Mt. Olive—Mr. J. W. Price, Miss Mary Earp, Mrs. Nancy Earp.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Julia Baker, Mr. F. G. Bowles, Mrs. Mary Levan.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Erbie Chapman.

Sulphur Springs—Mr. W. H. Childers, Mrs. Mary I Lackey (In 1937) Mrs. Matilda Flowers, Mrs. Dare Hafer, Mr. Morgan Keever, Mr. George Drum.

Stony Point—Mr. D. W. Mayberry, Mr. P. M. Barnes, Mr. D. J. Webster.

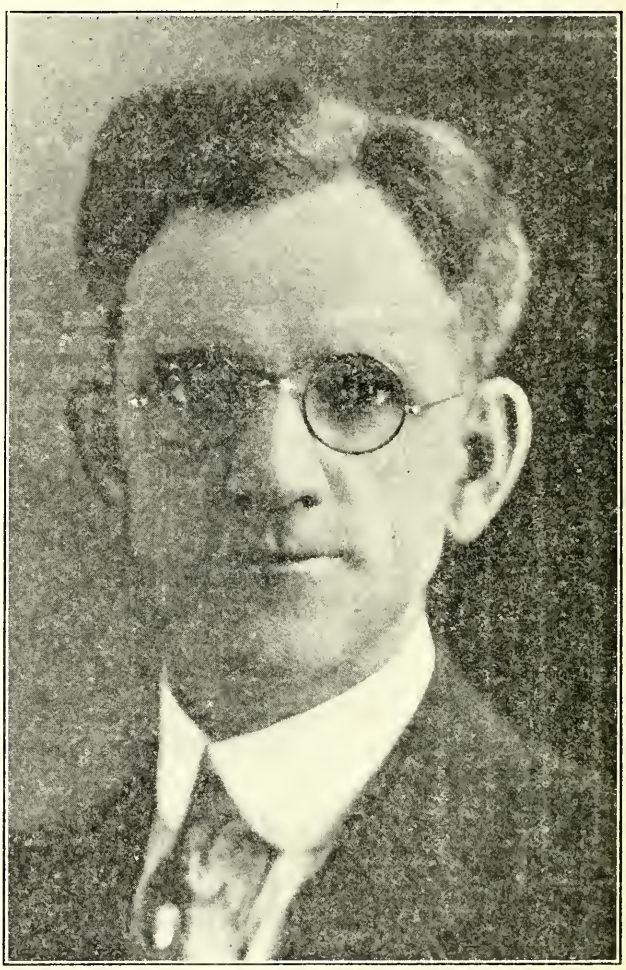
Smyrna—Mr. B. W. Teague, (deacon), Mrs. B. W. Teague, Miss Christine Teague, Mrs. Woodrow Teague, Mrs. Amanda Benfield.

Taylorsville—Mr. L. Walker Robinette, Mr. W. L. Gryder.

Taylor Springs—Mr. Roger Shumaker, Mr. Mathew Prevette.

Three Forks—Mr. Butler Brookshire, Mrs. Lola Childers, Mr. John Orren, Mr. John M. Watts.

White Plains—Mrs. Emma Little.



IN MEMORY OF REV. WILLIAM ERNEST LINNEY

"How are the mighty fallen". It is the same old tragic story, the same sad commentary on human life. They live,

then they die and are gathered to their fathers. That stern inexorable tyrant whom tears have never softened, wealth has never bribed, nor human agency arrested, lays them all alike low. The christian hymnist beatiuflly vesified the sentiment in these words, "Princes, this clay must be your bed. In spite of all your towers; The tall, the wise, the reverent head, must lie as low as ours."

Perhaps the greatest shock this association has had since its organization was the sudden demise of Rev. Wm. Ernest Linney on October 13th, 1937. Not only was the whole countryside shocked, but bereaved by what we are made to feel his untimely going. "His sun went down at noon", he being only 54 years, 10 months and 10 days of age.

He was educated in the schools of Alexander County, Cabarrus County, and Wake Forest College, but has been a close student all the way and was conversant on any subject of Biblical, economical, social, national or international interest. He could weigh problems of deepest moment and his conclusions were sane, safe and sound.

Brother Linney was ordained to the Christian Ministry on the Fifth Sunday in December, 1907, and for thirty years he went forth as a blazing evangel of God's eternal truth, serving churches in Alexander, Wilkes, Yadkin and Surry counties, probably others. These he served faithfully and consicentiously, preaching the gospel in a forceful way, visiting the sick, marrying the young, and when the storms of life would drive the sunshine out of the lives of his people, he was always there with a message of comfort and hope.

Brother Linney was a very forceful speaker. He had the best natural modulation of voice of any speaker we have known. He could take an oratorical flight that would lift his hearers to the battlements of heaven and in an easy flow of English and natural modulation of voice could bring you back to earth without a jar or shock. His English was faultless, his diction correct, his reasoning clear and logical and his arguments convincing and conclusive. He was analytical to

a fault if such a thing could be, and when he selected a text, thought it through, analyzed and delivered it, so complete did it seem, there remained nothing more to be said.

He was endowed with superior powers of thought, logcal consistency in reasoning, quickness and brilliancy of conception, control of rhetorical expedients and much of what is known as personal magnetism, the ability to sway the feelings of his hearers by sympathetic warmth of utterance. He firmly believed in the strength and cogency of the cause he so nobly defended, and his arguments and conclusions were but the fruits and abiding convictions of his pious heart. He defended to the end of life those fundamental doctrines that underlie the salvation of the soul. He knew no compromise with error, neither did he give any quarter to its advocates. He would have resigned his best pastorate before lowering the standards of christianity or removing a single landmark our fathers have set up. May his mantle fall upon worthy shoulders and may God raise up others of his courage to preach and defend these time honored doctrines, and to contend as he did "Earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Truly, "A great man is fallen in Israel", and like Israel's king, we the ministers of the Alexander and adjoining associations are made wearker by his going.

His body sleeps on a green hillside south of his home where it will rest peacefully 'till the captain of his salvation comes again and rolls back the sable curtains of the tomb and makes good his claim to be the resurrection and the life of his sleeping saints. Then he will arise with the shout, "Oh, death where is thy sting? Oh grave where is thy victory?"

We stood by his grave on the anniversary of his death while flowers were placed by the loved ones left behind, and mused with the christian hymnist:

"I came to the place where a lone pilgrim lay
And pensively stood by the tomb
When in a low whisper I heard something say
How sweetly I sleep here alone.

The tempests may howl and the loud thunders roll,
And gathering storms may arise;
Yet calm is my feeling, at rest is my soul,
The tears are all wiped from my eyes.

The cause of my Master compelled me from home,
I bade my companions farewell;
I bless my dear children who now for me mourn
In far distant regions they dwell.

I wandered an exile and stranger from home,
No kindred or relative nigh,
I met the contagion and sank to the tomb
My soul flew to mansions on high

Oh tell my companion and children most dear,
To weep not for me now I'm gone;
The same hand that led me through scenes most severe,
Has kindly assisted me home.

And there is a crown that doth glitter and shine,
That I shall forevermore wear;
Then turn to the Saviour His love all divine,
All you that would dwell with me there."

May the grace he preached to others sustain the family in their bereavement. We assure them the deepest sympathy of the Ministery and the entire association.

Yours in sorrow,
E. V. Bumgarner.

HISTORY OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH

About one hundred and thirty-eight years ago, the place where Three Forks church now stands was selected for a burial ground. In May 1857 the church was first organized with thirty-seven members, all coming from Little River church. The presbytery consisting of Revs. Gilson Bryant and Jacob Crouch. Nathan A. Pool was the first clerk. Gilson Bryant and Jacob Crouch served as pastors 'til 1860. Then Rev. Smith Ferguson for one year. During the Civil war there was no pastor. In 1867 Rev. W. G. Brown one year. John B. Powell one year. W. A. Pool three years. Then L. P. Gwaltney and J. B. Pool one year. L. P. Gwaltney one year. Rev. Geo. Sherrill one year. C. C. Pool from 1879-79. Then Rev. E. David one year. Then Rev. L. P. Gwaltney until 1884. Rev. J. P. Gwaltney one year. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney again till September 1888. Then D. W. Pool until August 1893. L. P. Gwaltney then served until 1902 when his health gave way. Then G. Z. Bumgarner served four years. Then Rev. J. P. Gwaltney until 1910. Then Rev. W. J. Bumgarner served faithully 'till September 1931. Then Rev. J. W. Watts 'till November 1933. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner has served ever since and is the present incumbent.

Clerks: N. A. Pool was the first clerk and served until February 1861. R. Watts until July 1867. J. B. Pool until 1869. R. S. Barnes 1872. D. W. Pool until April 1878. J. M. Jones 'till February 1896. A. L. Watts December 1899. A. J. Blankenship until 1902. G. C. Teague until 1904. J. J. H. Pool until 1910. J. B. Echerd until 1915. R. B. McLeod to the present time.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Alexander Associational Sunday School Convention met Saturday, May 28, with Mt. Herman church. Persons from twenty-two churches attended.

Moderator J. L. Gwaltney presided. The morning session opened at 10 o'clock with congregational singing led by Floyd Hendren followed by the Hendren quartette. Rev. Charles Poole spoke on Matt. 5:1-16 for the opening devotional.

A. C. Payne discussed "Proper Observance of the Lord's Day" in the absencse of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, whose wife was ill. A prayer for Mrs. Bumgarner was led by Rev. C. C. Holland. John Webster added to the discussion of Sabbath

observance. "The Teacher and the Textbook" was then ably discussed by Smith Hagaman, of Winston-Salem. Rev. W. O. Johnson led a prayer preceeding the morning sermon. This was preached by Rev. Woodrow Brookshire on "Light", using Psalm 119: 105 as his text.

A delicious dinner was served by the hostess church.

The afternoon session was opened with songs from the Hendren group. The opening prayer was led by Elzie Poole. After the roll call, Rev. A. E. Watts announced Miss Leola Woodley, missionary to China with Rev. T. L. Blalock, would visit the association soon. Charles E. Echerd reported an increase in the amount and number of churches giving to the Orphanage. The canning of food in jars furnished by the Orphanage was recommended by Herman Deal and Rev. W. O. Johnson.

"The Sunday School's Part in Caring for the Sick and Orphans" brought interesting and illuminating speeches from Clay Grose, C. L. Parker, Rev. J. M. Hayes, of Winston-Salem; and J. L. Gwaltney. The next topic "Sunday Schools and the Revival" was discussed by Rev. S. I. Watts and Rev. A. E. Watts. An announcement about Daily Vacation Bible Schools was made.

Rev. C. C. Holland, W. G. Mayberry and Herman Deal were appoined as the program committee for next year.

The next session of the convention will be held with Damascus church on Saturday, April 29, 1939. Program will be published in due time.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

	Number of Organizations	Enrollment	Enrolled in Mission Study	Gifts to Local Expense	Gifts to Missions etc.	Total
Hiddenite	1	26	15	$45.65	$64.15	$109.80
Stony Point	4	39	14	21.80	31.50	52.30
Taylorsville	4	101	50	35.52	63.95	99.47

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

B.A.U.S.	Senior B.A.U.S.	Inter. B.Y.P.U.	Junior B.Y.P.U.	Story Hour	Totals
1	2	1	1	1	6
9	15	14	19	3	60
6	9	4	4		34
7	14	10	10		41
6	13	10	6		35

TABLE 1—CHURCH AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Erasure	Letters	Deaths	Total Membership
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Granite Falls	W. R. Austin, Hickory	1823	2-4	7	4			9	2	170
Bethany	F. C. Watts, Purlear	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	1892	3	9				1	3	225
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	1800	3	4				5	1	208
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	1871	1-3	6			3	21	1	274
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville	G. S. Gant, Taylorsville	1936		14						44
Concord		N. R. Martin, Stony Point	1852	2-4	1			1	2	1	186
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville	Maggie McLain, Statesville	1839	1	6			32	1	1	172
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	1833	4	5	2			7	3	237
East Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	Bob Meredith, Taylorsville	1924	1-2	5						235
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	1922	3	10						131
Gays Chapel	W. H. Mann, Mooresville	W. G. Ellis, Statesville	1885	2-4	3			20	1		82
Hiddenite	J. C. Holland, Taylorsville	D. F. Milstead, Hiddenite	1915	1-2-3	8	7			17	1	121
Lebanon	J. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	1-2					2		70
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville	1906	3-4	24	1		2	3		244
Linney's Grove	G. D. White, Statesville	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite	1895	3	1	2			3	5	130
Little River	Bub Bumgarner, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1792	1	2	1					115
Macedonia	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	1855	1	5				3	5	125
Millersville	Lee James, Taylorsville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	1923	1-3	6	2			18		69
Mt. Hermon	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	1915	3	4			6	1	3	156
Mt. Hebron	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1912	2	9	7			2	1	240
Mt. Nebo	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	1907	4	4				4	1	86
Mt. Olive	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	1	4	1			2	3	176
Pilgrim	Noah Hayes, North Wilkesboro	Leslie Millsaps, New Hope	1837		14						218
Pleasant Grove	G. D. White, Statesville,	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	1900	2	4	4			1	3	132
Pleasant Hill	S. I. Watts, Boomer	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	1852	3	3	6		1	1	2	187
Popular Springs	W. O. Johnson Taylorsville	Thurston Barnes, Taylorsville	1872	1	5	3			2	1	178
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	7	4		1		2	180
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	W. C. Grose, Statesville	1909	1-3	36	4	1		4	3	301
Smyrna	J. L. Teague, Hickory	J. J. Black, Conover	1923	1-3	7	6			6	5	81
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2-3-4	17	6	1	8	5	2	381
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1853	1	27		1	3	4	2	254
Three Forks	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	D. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1857	3	8	1			4	4	366
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville	1912	2	3	5	1			1	241
					268	66	4	77	129	56	6,015

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT & POSTOFFICE	Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Average	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts from Sunday School
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Hickory		16	16	21	16	32	42	10	143	85	6	$ 25.32
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob										81	6	95.48
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite												
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls, R.		5	8	19	20	10	25	8		52		4.78
Beulah	Ernest Webster, Taylorsville								8		75		
Concord	Dwight Payne, Taylorsville			10	12		18	20	6	60	40		14.00
Damascus	C. E. King, Statesville, R. 2		4	10	8	12	18	10	6		32	4	23.44
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville, R. 2		10		15	20		30	6	80	50	5	7.00
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville												
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite								8	90	48	4	38.54
Gays Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, R. 1		16		16		19	17	7	75	45	2	16.80
Hiddenite	D. F. Milstead, Hiddenite	13	11	16	14	13	10	54	20	161	92	8	312.36
Lebanon			10	10	13	2	20	12		65	40		
Liledoun	Clyde Robinson, Taylorsville R. 1		53	32		28		23		136	84		15.40
Linneys Grove				8	19	9	14	12	6	72	38	1	6.07
Little River	Bub Bumgarner, Taylorsville, R. 2		7		11			9	5		25		
Macedonia													
Millersville	Ruth Stallings, Taylorsville, R. 1		9	34	15	27		23	8	98		6	6 00
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville, R. 2		19	23	24	19	14	12	7	118	84	7	25.97
Mt. Hebron	Carl Deal, Pores Knob												
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher, Stony Point												
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal, Pores Knob		8	6	15	12	20	25	8	94	50	2	30.94
Pilgrim	W. C. Mayberry, New Hope		10	15	15	15	15	20	9	90	75	10	20.00
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville		25			21		49	7	95	32	3	7.27
Pleasant Hill	Howard Deal, Taylorsville, R. 3			24	19	24	43	32		149	53		22.42
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, R. 2												
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite		12	8	15	20	33	28	11	116			54 52
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, R 6	6	33	26	20	27	31	87	13	230			684.65
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover, R. 1	8	8	11	15	16	7	14		79	52	7	26.68
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	11	24	13	53	51	40	88	20	280	158	14	372.02
Taylor Springs	Mrs. S. B. Williams, New Hope		22	13	36		24	23	8	118	80		20.00
Three Forks	S. W. Rogers, Taylorsville, R. 2		4	15	10		8	15	7	52	35	2	7.00
White Plains	C. H. Gryder, Hiddenite		12	4	20	8	22	31	9	97	60	3	48.28

TABLE III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

	Pastors Salary	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Co-operative Program	Grand Total	Value of Property
Antioch	$ 112.44	2.00	72.21	35.10	3.60	16.30		11.00	252.65	$ 1,000
Bethany	181.93		4.20	26.75	58.09	37.48			308.45	800
Bethel	90.00	1.50		25.10	12.50	5.93	3.50		138.53	1,200
Bethlehem	301.75		30.56	35.00	20.35	67.56	4.20		459.42	1,800
Beulah	60.00			20.00	5.00	5.00			90.00	
Concord	101.77		16.40	19.30		3.00	3.00		143.47	1,000
Damascus	139.30	2.25	29.49	31.10	74.82	13.38	11.70		302.04	1,500
Dover	79.66	1.60	24.00	22.10	4.05	59.56	2.25		193.22	500
East Taylorsville	144.40		39.22	40.00	15.50	1.67	6.00		246.79	
Fair View	158.00	4 00	17.16	42.00	21.64	30.38	8.46		281.64	1,000
Gays Chapel	40.00	1.00	57.71	16.65			1.12		116.48	1,000
Hiddenite	232.93	3.00	394.21	35.00	42.70	108.27	30.07	44.31	890.49	5,800
Lebanon	157.73	1.00	24.00	30.00	27.00	11.45			251.18	
Liledoun	133.83	.70	33.15	42.85			5.00		215.53	
Linneys Grove	162.00	1.40	2.00	28.20	9.37	7.80	12.15		222.92	1,850
Little River	125.00	1.60	6.00	29.00	8.00	1.30	4.71	1.60	177.21	1,000
Macedonia	75.00	1.50	5.00	30.00		5.00			116.50	1,000
Millersville	55.19	.75	33.54	12.00	5.00	1.00			107.48	2,000
Mt. Herman	119.00	2.00	498.03	30.00	10.50	10.65	2.00		672.18	3,500
Mt. Hebron	80 06	1.05	20.00	16.50	5.36	75.00			197.97	1,000
Mt. Nebo	66.20		8.00	12.50	5.08	2.73			94 51	1,500
Mt. Olive	196.39	2.00	70.43	33.71	17.00	121.50	16.04		457.07	2,000
Pilgrim	75.00	2.00	15.39	26.50		4.17	4.00		127.06	1,500
Pleasant Grove	230.73	3.00	46.10	26.50	81.30	17.00	16.50		421.13	1,500
Pleasant Hill	106.40	2.00	22.42	25 00			3.01		158.83	1,000
Popular Springs	160.50	.45	22.22	20.30	11.33	69.23	3.66		287.69	750
Sulphur Springs	230 80	1.65	50.32	34.88	44.23	55.75	1.50		418.93	3,500
Stony Point	439 74	4.00	471.96	120.70	104.94	151.38	35.00	5.00	1.332.72	2,750
Smyrna	112.00	1.10	169.04		4.25	20.54		7.00	313.93	3,000
Taylorsville	741.04	5.00	435.45	100.03	204.20	134.81	36.90	50.00	1,707.93	10,000
Taylor Springs	135.65	1.79	55.75	63.35	27.42	8.00	9.97		301.43	2.500
Three Forks	303.00	3.60	44.00	30.00	18.52	48.00			447.12	1,000
White Plains	117.25	1.40	172.08	22.00	21.71	18.00	5.00		357.44	1,500
	5,464.49	53.34	2890.04	1082.12	863.46	1,111.84	225.74	118.91	11809.94	

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Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs ---------- D. C. Thompson
White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday, J. R. Icenhour

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1939

10:00 A. M. The Association was opened by singing "Amazing Grace".

Devotion by Rev. J. A. Icenhour. Read First Chapter of Psalms.

Roll Call of churches. The following were enrolled.

Antioch—John Teague, Mrs. John Teague.

Bethany—C. J. Hendren, A. E. Moore, H. G. Moore.

Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, Jerome Campbell, J. L. Smith.

Bethlehem—Ray Sherrill, T. B. Wagner.

Beulah—J. A. Webster, J. L. Rufty.

Concord—N. R. Martin. F. E. Brinkley.

Damascus—C. E. King, Elree Sloan, Miss Maggie McLain.

Dover—Pender Caldwell, Fred Pool.

East Taylorsville—Van Baker, Mrs. Claude Daniels. Mrs. S. G. Earp.

Fair View—Loyd Mayberry, J. K. Looper, Ernest Mitchell

Gays Chapel—W. G. Ellis, M. B. Cashion, C. B. Swicegood.

Hiddenite—Y. Y. Millsaps, D. Fred Milstead, Mrs. D. Fred Milstead.

Liledoun—C. A. Smith, Clyde Teague, Paul Brown.

Linneys Grove—J. E. Tedder, W. F. McLain, Daris Bowles.

Macedonia—W. P. Smith, D. A. Carrigan, Mrs. W. P. Smith.

Mt. Herman—W. D. Johnson, W. O. Johnson, J. B. Echerd.

Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Lesco Wike, Roby Davidson.

Mt. Nebo—J. R. Burgess, J. T. Christopher.

Mt. Olive—R. T. Lowe, E. J. Deal, D. C. Lowe.

Pilgrim—Leslie Millsaps, B. W. Brewer, C. V. Queen.

Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, P. M. Godfrey, Q. M. Teague.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers.

Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, Claude Bunton, George Lackey.

Stony Joint—C. W. Combs, S. N. Honeycutt, W. C. Grose.

Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, C. E. Echerd, J. L. Watts.

Taylor Springs—L. T. Younger, Clyde Jordon, C. A. Bustle.
Three Forks—W. J. Rogers, Roy Rogers, R. W. Childers.
White Plains—J. A. Robinette, G. L. Chatham

Bro. and Sister H. G. Early were welcomed to seats with us by the Moderator.

There being a few minues time until the hour set for the first report for discussion. Bro. A. C. Payne read an amended constitution. After some explanation by Bro. Payne as to why it would suit our present needs better, it was adopted by the Association as follows:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Membership

ARTICLE III. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

Powers and Prerogatives

ARTICLE IV. The Association may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

ARTICLE V. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advice when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted.

ARTICLE VI. The expense of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

Government

ARTICLE VIII. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

ARTICLE X. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the last day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

ARTICLE XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

ARTICLE XIV. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

ARTICLE XV. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, appoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

ARTICLE XVI. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

ARTICLE XVII. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon.

ARTICLE XVIII: It shall be the duty of the program committee to prepare and publish a program for each annual session, consisting of a list of subjects or questions, and assign the same to speakers for discussion not less than thirty days prior to each anual meeting of the association.

ARTICLE XIX. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

ARTICLE XX. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolution of appreciation to the hostess church, and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

ARTICLE XXI. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian, and chairman of the committee on nominations, shall form an executive board for the supervision of the work and the business of the association between sessions.

ARTICLE XXII. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

By motion of Rev. C. C. Holland, the Report on Hospitals was deferred until tomorrow and the Report on Baptist Training Union come at this hour. The motion carried.

The Report was read by Mrs. Rom Teague, was discussed by Miss Lucy Thompson, Rev. C. C. Holland and J. L. Teague, and was adopted.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT TO ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

For the third year Alexander Associational Baptist Training Union has proved that it's program is producing results. This has been shown in the honor won in regional conventions by members of this association. This year's winner. Pattie Ingram, of Taylorsville, placed first in the region and third in North Carolina, in the Junior Bible Drill. She was the youngest person taking part, but her record demonstrated the value of The Training Union, even for our youngest church members.

Your officers have made an effort to keep informed on methods by attending the state officers conference at Asheboro, the Regional Conventions at Boone and Marion and the State Assembly at Ridgecrest.

However, we do feel that there is need for more information about our work. The regional and state meetings, or even our associational meetings can not be attended by all our people. Also, there is a need for definite answers to our problems since the meetings named are almost entirely inspirational. Your committee feels that this is true in all our church work.

Therefore, we believe a meeting to study our problems and exchange experiences, and work out solutions would enable us to better serve the Lord.

The Baptist Training Union can serve our churches not only by training leaders, but by developing each church member in prayer, Bible study and consecration. This can be done if we become a church organization with all church members enrolled and not just the young people. If we are to have worthwhile results we must have Training Unions enlisting all the people in a year-round program to magnify Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Rom Teague

By motion of Miss Lucy Thompson, the Association approved a Church Conference to consider all problems that may arise in church work and motion carried. Time set for conference, November 5th. Bro. Holland invited the conference to meet at Taylorsville First Baptist church.

The Moderator appointed the following committeees:

Nominations: G. B. Pennell, S. F. Cook, C. J. Gwaltney.

Program: E. V. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, J. L. Watts.

Time, Place and Preacher: W. C. Grose, J. B. Echerd, Pleas Smith.

Digest of Church Letters: C. C. Holland, Ray Sherrill, Roscoe Lowe.

Resolutions: A. C. Payne, R. B. McLeod, Mrs. Rom Teague.

Bro. A. C. Payne proposed the question of taking the advertisements out of the minutes. After some discussion, it was left open until some later hour.

11:15 a. m. Sermon by Rev. C. C. Holland, Text, Heb. 13: 8.

12:00 Noon. Intermission.

1:00 p. m. Devotion by Rev. J. A. Webster, read 13th Chapter of 1st. Cor..

Delinquent churches were called and enrolled as follows:

Lebanon—Edward Bumgarner, Ora Bumgarner.

Little River—J. T. Rogers, D. L. Orren.

Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, J. E. Harrington.

Smyrna—J. L. Teague.

Rev. M. O. Alexander of Raleigh was welcomed to a seat with us by the Moderator.

The Report on Missions was called, was read by Bro. C. E. Echerd, was discussed by Bro. C. E. Echerd, Rev. M. O. Alexander, and was adopted.

MISSIONS

The Bible is a missionary book, because God believes in Missions. The Bible brings us the progressive revelation of God. His will, His dealings with man, and for man's good. His desire "that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2: 11. With God's people obeying His will in regard to Discipleship and Stewardship a new day for the spread of the gospel "to the uttermost part of the earth" will dawn.

Jesus' command "Go ye disciple all nations—baptizing them, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." will be obeyed when the question of stewardship is settled according to the teachings of God's Word. Our support of Brother Blalock in China, our gifts to State and Home Missions, our support of our pastors and other home work will greatly increase if we could just accept the

fact that we are not our own for we are bought with a price. In Brother Blalock's last letter he pleads for prayer for the work which has been somewhat interrupted by the war in China. No longer will God's people speak of the cost when they pay God what is rightfully His. We will rejoice in the opportunity we have to be His witnesses. God's servants will go forth as ambassadors, equipped in a way that will prove our pride in and love for Him and His work. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign forever and ever." Rev. 11: 15.

Scriptural References: Matt. 28: 18-19; Mark 16: 14-18; Luke 24: 47-49; Acts 1: 8.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chas. E. Echerd for Committee.

The Report on Giving, its Doctrine and Practice, was deferred by the Association until tomorrow.

The Report on the Orphanage was called and read by Rev. W. O. Johnson, was discussed by Bro. H. G. Early, and adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

The splendid work that is being done by the Baptist in the State of North Carolina in the support of the Orphanage, is one that reflects credit on the Denomination as a whole.

The only criticism that can be offered, is that too little is being done. The writer of this report is made to wonder why so many applications must be refused each year. Why so many needy children must be deprived of the benefits offered by this institution.

The work is Scriptural. James 1: 27. It is humane. It is building for future generations. It is needed.

Let us each see if he or she has done all that we can. Could I not give just a little more to this worthy cause next year? Can I make a sacrifice to help some worthy child? We can pray. And if we pray as we should we will be moved to help.

Respectfully submitted.
F. A. Pennell.

A collection for the Orphanage amounted to $22.79.

The Report on W. M. U. was called and read by Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney. Was discussed by Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney, and adopted.

W. M. U. REPORT

"Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Thus spake the Master to His disciples before His departure from this world. To them and to all Christians everywhere He gave the commission, "Go ye into all the world

and preach the gospel." Realizing the responsibility for each of us to answer this call individually we the Baptist women of Alexander County have united into an organized body and are responding collectively so that the Kingdom work can be further advanced through our spiritual and financial support.

With our co-operative program of sympathetic understanding and helpfulness toward our community, state, nation, and foreign mission fields, we feel that our work far surpasses any service we might go forth to do alone.

Aside from the progress that we have made in our local unions and the benefits derived from our three county-wide associational meetings this year, we have further concentrated our efforts toward aiding the unfortunate Chinese through the continued support of the native Chinese missionary under the direction of Rev. T. L. Blalock. We have contributed this year a sufficient amount of funds for the construction of a church building and a dwelling for his use.

In our Association we now have eight active Missionary Organizations, with one hundred eighty-four members, and we contributed this past year $491.74 to the cause. Contributions were as follows:

Missionary's Salary	$84.00
Missionary's House and Church	99.50
Hospital	44.48
Orphanage	41.00
Lottie Moon Offering	49.58
Co-operative Program	15.00
Local Work	158.18

Our present Associational officers are: President, Miss Annie Baker; Vice-President, Mrs. Leach Goodin; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Conway Sharpe.

Although we are not seeking a reward for this service, what greater blessing could we ever desire than to hear the voice of the Master saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto Me."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. P. Watts,
Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney.

Miscellaneous. After much talk and suggestions, a sufficient amount of money was raised to eliminate the advertisements in our Minutes.

The Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher made the following report: Time; Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1940; Place: Bethlehem; Preacher: Rev. G. D. White, Alternate Rev. Frank Peeler.

Dismissed by Rev. G. D White untill 10:00 A. M. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th. 1939

10:00 A. M.—The Association met as per adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator. Devotion by Rev. Lee James. Read part of 10th Chapter of Luke.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Millersville letter was presented with messengers, Mrs. Lon Thompson and Ruth Paysour.

By motion of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, the Association ordered the Clerk not to put a representative's name on the Minutes if he knew that the person so named was not present at the Association. But if another member is present, his or her name shall so be placed on the Minutes as a representative.

The report on "Giving, Its Doctrine and Practice" was called and read by Rev. C. C. Holland. Was discussed by Rev. C. C. Holland, and was adopted.

"GIVING, IT'S DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE"

There are three characteristics of Scriptural Giving that we wish to call to your attention.

First: A surrendered life. "First they gave their own selves unto the Lord"; 2 Cor. 8-5. True Scriptural Giving is accompanied by a surrendered life. "The Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering, but had not respect unto Cain and his offering"; Genesis 4:4-5. Let not man think he can gain God's favor by giving of material things without giving himself.

Second: Characteristic of Scriptural Giving is a definite plan. God did not leave it to our whims, moods, or fancies. That plan is set forth in the oft quoted verse, 1 Cor. 16.2 "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store. as God hath prospered him." This plan is built around three words.

1. Regularity. "Upon the first day of the week." Some people do not give at all, others give once a year and others once a month. God's plan calls for once a week.

2. All. "Let every one of you lay by him in store." If God has put anything in our hands then we are to dedicate a portion of that to Him. If it be nothing more than a cup of water we can give that and God will accept it and reward us.

3. Proportion. "As God hath prospered him." All that we have belongs to God and should be used for His glory. We are His stewards to administer His estate. The least that God has ever called for was a tenth.

Third: Right Spirit. This is necessary for Scriptural Giving. "So let him give not grudgingly or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver." Nowhere in the Bible does it say God loves a regular giver or a large giver. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." This is giving because God gave and as God gave to us.

"When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory Died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so devine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. C. Holland
D. Fred Milstead

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was called and read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. Was discussed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, and adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental doctrines are those doctrines or foundation principles that underly the whole system of the Christian religion and by which it must stand or fall. That there is a sad departure both in the proclamation and consistent practice of these fundamentals of our faith the most optomistic will not deny. Every passing day brings to our ears some new attack upon these age-old doctrines. We instance the inspiration of the Bible. the Diety of the Lord Jesus Christ, the total depravity of our fallen race, repentance toward God as the initial in man's salvation, regeneration by the self existent spirit. and as a fruit to this tree, a life of holiness and self abnegation, "without which no man shall see the Lord."

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalms 11:3. Again. If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ. Col. 2:8 "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrines, continue in them for if thou do this thou shall both save thyself and them that hear thee". Paul to Timothy.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner

The report on Hospitals was called and read by Rev. S. I. Watts. Was discussed by Bro.. Hagaman, and adopted.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The Baptist denomination owns and operates 20 hospitals in 14 Southern States. These have a total bed capacity of 3,000. About 100,000 patients were treated in these last years.

Our own Baptist Hospital, located in Winston-Salem, received its first patients May 28, 1923. Since that date 44,635 patients have been treated (July 14, 1939). A little more than 4,000 were treated last year. This number will not be increased this year as we have gone the limit. A little more than one-third of these were service patients, that is, they paid little or nothing.

About ninety per cent of these came from outside Winson-Salem.

It is always interesting to note the large number of mothers who have families of children at home. More than 1,000 of these last year were blessed to return to their more than 3,000 children.

The hospital treated last year about 100 preachers, missionaries and ministerial students. Almost all of these were free service.

The hospital with its fine staff of 72 doctors and four internes rendered during last year $196,177.00 of free service. We have 42 specialist on our free service staff.

The hospital has a staff of 82 nurses, 51 are students in training. The Nurses Training School could accept only 16 in its September Class. These have already been selected from a little more than 500 applicants.

It is interesting to note that these patients come from almost every county in the state. A fair idea can be obtained any day by a check up on any of the large wards. A few days ago it was demonstrated that the seven patients in a ward were an average of 102 miles from home.

It is little less than a tragedy that during the past year the hospital has been compelled to turn away more than 2,000 patients for the lack of room. During the year, it is estimated that 1,000 patients in Winston-Salem, who could pay their bills, were turned away in order that the hospital might take those who could not pay a hospital bill.

Plans are going forward immediately to add 100 more bed space to the hospital, giving the hospital a bed capacity of 212. This will enable the hospital to treat 8,000 patients each year. This ought not to be a difficult task for a denomination comprising a membership of almost a half-million, half the entire membership of all denominations of our state. For the expense of caring for these multitudes of sick who cannot pay, we must look largely to the Mother's Day offering and free donations of the hospital linen by the W. M. U.'s and other church organizations.

Your committee urges that a Mother's Day offering be taken by every church in this Association to help in this worthy cause. Also that we stand by this work in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,
S. I. Watts
W. C. Grose

A collection for the hospital was taken, amounting to $22.36.

12:00 Noon—Intermission.

1:00 P. M.—Devotion by Chas. Poole.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We hereby nominate the following officers for our Association for the next year.

Moderator: A. E. Watts.
Vice-Moderator: W. C. Grose
Clerk: R. B. McLeod
Treasurer: J. L Watts
Historian: Chas Pool
And the following messengers to other Ass'ns:
Brier Creek: A. E. Watts
South Yadkin: G. D. White
Caldwell: A. C. Payne
Brushy Mountain: E. V. Bumgarner

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. Pennell
S. F. Cook
C. J. Gwaltney

There being no further nominations, the Association elected the above named nominees.

The report on Evangelism was called and read by Rev. G. D. White. It was discussed by Rev. G. D. White and Bro. Hagaman and adopted as follows:

EVANGELISM

And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard. And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? Rom. 10, 14-15. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1, 16. For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1 Cor. 1, 21.

In the light of these and other Scriptures it seems to us that God's plan is to save men through and by the gospel of His dear Son. We should earnestly pray that God would send forth more laborers into His harvest. We need more God sent, Spirit filled and Spirit led men. Our task is to preach the gospel to every man, woman, boy and girl, and plead with them to accept Christ. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict and convert. Paul planted, Appollos watered, but God gave the increase. 1 Cor. 3, 6. We must look to God, depend on Him, and seek his glory if we are to win men for our Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. White

The report on Temperance and Law Enforcement was called, and read by Bro. A. C. Payne, was discussed by Bro. A. C. Payne, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

No adequate report on Temperance and Law Enforcement can be made in the time and space allotted for this purpose. In making this report we shall deal with intemperence as it refers particularly to strong drink, for we believe that if alcoholic beverages could be controlled, much of the evil in the world would in a measure subside.

We have come to a time in the history of the world when it has taken more than ever to strong drink, when there are more drunkards being made than ever before. We from year to year endeavor to show the decrease or increase of the evil which we feel is an enemy to Christianity and to society. We would like very much to be able to show a decrease, and it is with shame and humiliation to some extent, that we have to say that in our opinion, there is an increase, and when strong drink is receiving the legal approval of the government, both State and National, and is being made accessible to all "It is well for the world to pause and study what God's word has to say about this sin-promoting, sorrow-producing and death-providing habit."

"Micah's message to Israel was really a call to depart into captivity. Because of their uncleanness there was no resting place in the holy land for nation. One underlying cause of Israel's ungodliness and wickedness was intemperance. The nation had given itself to strong drink. Lying false prophets had prophesied prosperity and encouraged strong drink when

immediate captivity faced them. The strong oppressed the weak. Widows were put out of houses and the fatherless children were deprived of the godly example and training. The road of intemperance which Israel took led to idolatry, sin, poverty, oppression, and finally into long years of captivity.

"Israels fate awaits any nation that gives itself over to strong drink. It has been well said that a nation that is interested first in prosperity and in liquor is a nation that is on a swift road to doom. When people call for, vote for, and demand intoxicating beverages, they are absolutely out of the will of God."

"World events demand temperance. In the greater part of Luke 21, Jesus is discussing the signs of an age like ours. He speaks of wars, earthquakes, famines, pestilences, fearful sights, great signs, persecutions for God's people, great tribulation, distress among nations, perplexity, and men's hearts failing them for fear.

These things are to multiply and intensify until the Son of man shall return. Certainly many of these things are happening even today. Such events, such world conditions, demand that men shall be sober. Surely this is no time for people to be given to intemperance. Jesus said "When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

Certainly drunkenness has no place in the life of a Christian. We believe that those who profess to be followers of Christ should abstain from all use of beverage alcohol and use their example and influence to prevent and prohibit its use by others. If the Christian people of this state and nation do not awake to their full responsibility in the enforcement of law and to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, then according to all reason, history, and all evidence to be obtained, our own state and nation is in danger of a chaotic condition and final ruin and doom. In other words the experience and the results and consequences which came to Israel will in measure come to our own nation.

The responsibility for the enforcement of law and order in every community is not wholly in the officers. Christian character and oath as citizens should impell each and every one of us to do our full duty to protect the rising generation from every evil of intemperence. The responsibility is upon our shoulders. Let us meet it like men and Christians should.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Payne
Charlie Poole

MISCELLANEOUS

Report on digest of Church Letters as follows: 33 churches reporting.

26 churches made some contribution to Missions.
27 churches made some contribution to Orphanage.
23 churches made some contribution to Hospital.
31 churches reported 325 baptisms.

Pastors Salaries reported	$6,068.37
Local Expenses outside of Pastor's Salaries	6,946.95
Missions Designated	1,000.96
Co-operative Program undesignated	94.87
Orphanage	1,320.36
Hospitals	453.82
Special Objects	94.23
Total	$15,979.56

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. C. Holland
R. T. Lowe
Ray Sherrill

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

We, the messengers and representatives of the churches represented in this body, wish to express our hearty appreciation to the members of Linneys Grove Baptist church and community for the hospitality shown us during the two days we were with you.

May God bless you as a church and community in your future work for the kingdom.

A. C. Payne
R. B. McLeod
Mrs. Rom Teague
Committee.

Collection for Missions $14.00

By motion of the Clerk, Bros. A. C. Payne, A. E. Watts and J. L. Watts were appointed to assist the Clerk in shaping and proof reading the Minutes.

By motion of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner the Association adjourned until Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1940.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1939

10:00 A. M. The Alexander Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Damascus church. Devotion by Rev. F. A. Pennell. Address of Welcome made by the Pastor, Rev. G. D. White.

The following subjects and speakers were on the program:

1. Who should attend the Sunday School and why, by Rev. W. O. Johnson.

2. The Sunday School a community link between the home and the church, by W. C. Grose.
3. Some ways of making the Sunday School most helpful to all concerned, by Elizabeth Gwaltney and Lucy Echerd.
4. A wonderful discussion by Bro. I. G. Grier. Subject, "Greater Things Than These Shall You Do."

12:00 Noon. Intermission.

1:00 P. M. Devotion by Rev. Lee James.

The Moderator appointed the following program committee:

Rev. C. C. Holland
Bro. W. C. Grose
Bro. J. A. Robinette

A resolution of thanks was offered the Damascus church for the bountiful dinner and all kindness shown the visitors while there.

5. (a) The place of prayer in Evangelism, by Rev. G. D. White. (b) Place of Christian character in Evangelism, by Rev. W. T. Comer.
6. The kind of Revival we need, by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mr. W. R. Hollar, Mr. Daniel White, Mrs. Elijah Reid, Mrs. Z. A. Austin, Mrs. Glenn Keller, Mrs. Rebecca Lail, Mrs. Rebecca Baker.
Bethany—Deacon W. R. Moore.
Bethel—Deacon J. M. Barnette Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, Mrs. Julia C. Barnes.
Bethlehem—Miss Pearl Reese.
Concord—Mr. C. A. Rector.
Dover—Mrs. Genelia White.
Fair View—Miss Faye Smith.
Gays Chapel—Mr. Houston Cashion.
Hiddenite—Mr. J. P. Hendren.
Linneys Grove—Mr. I. B. Linney, Mrs. Mandy Campbell Mrs. Laura Lowrance.
Mt. Herman—Mr. Norman Z. Daniels, Mr. Joe C. Montgomery.
Mt. Olive—Mr. J. Payton Russell.
Pilgrim—Mr. W. M. Gwaltney.
Pleasant Hill—Mary Munday, Emoline Bowles.
Poplar Springs—Deacon Dock Walker.
Sulphur Springs—Mr. Zeb B. Sharpe, Mr. James H. Head.
Stony Point—Mrs. P. M. Barnes, Mrs. L. C. Hoke, Mrs. D. A. Sharpe.
Taylorsville—Mr. G. F. Ingram.
Taylor Springs—Mrs. Catherine Bustle, Mrs. Chatlie Barker, Mr. Pressley Dishman.
Three Forks—Mr. Dave Watts, Mrs. J. M. Oxford.
White Plains—Mrs. Alice Matheson Hedrick.

Sunday Schools

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Yrs.	Primaries 6-8 Yrs.	Juniors 9-12 Yrs.	Intermediates 9-12	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 Yrs. Up	Extension Dept.	Officers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptisms From S. S
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Hickory	6	9	14	21	9	15	19		3	96	96	
Bethany	Roy Hayes, Pores Knob										110	80	
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite			10	6	10	4	20			30	50	
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls		4	5	13	16	15	21		7	81	55	
Beulah	J. R. Vickes, Taylorsville											75	
Concord													
Damascus	C. E. King, Statesville			6	10	8	8	28		5	65	35	4
Dover		10	10	12	10	8	10	25		5	90	50	9
East Taylorsville	Claude Daniels, Taylorsville		20		15	35		15			75		
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite											47	
Gays Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville		16		11		16	15		4	60	39	6
Hiddenite	D. Fred Milstead, Hiddenite	12	8	8	10	19	10	51	10	3	131	91	9
Lebanon	L. G. Sweet, Taylorsville										60		
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson		53	22		22		23		6	121	80	
Linneys Grove	Q. E. Millsaps, Hiddenite			12	11	10	14	23		7	70	40	2
Little River	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville		4		6	9		8			27	20	4
Macedonia											60	40	4
Millersville	J. D. Barber, Taylorsville	3	20		10	18	20	22		8	101	40	10
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	16	11	19	19	35	25	21			145	127	19
Mt. Hebron	Carl Deal, Pores Knob												
Mt. Nebo													
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal, Pores Knob			7	5	7	10	14		7	50	40	3
Pilgrim	W. T. Mayberry, New Hope		15	15		15	25	20		10	100	75	6
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville			19		14		40	15	7	95	40	
Pleasant Hill	Howard, Deal, Taylorsville			24	19	24	43	32			149	58	
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville												
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite											80	5
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville	10	20	20	30	25	30	95	13	9	243	180	7
Smyrna		8	6	10	12	16	8	14		3	74	40	12
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	14	23	16	47	72	38	91	3	12	304	164	19
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope											60	
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville		20		25		37	40		11	122	106	6
White Plains	C. H. Gryder, Hiddenite									10		79	

GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Hickory	$ 92.54	$ 31.00	$900.00	$ 19.00	$ 28.15	$	$ 2.00	$	$ 1072.69
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	166.72	25.00					3.00	30.00	222.22
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	105.17	28.00	20.15				2.40		155.72
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	435.15	35.00		6.68			3.25		512.88
Beulah	Sherman Gant, Taylorsville							1.00		1.00
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	115.45	15.00	1.80	6.80			.60		139.65
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville	150.90	47.00	89.90		22.56		2.75		313.11
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	100.50	22.40	133.30		8.00	6.40	1.40		272.00
E. Taylorsville	R. W. Meredith, Tayorsville	191.15	31.00	239.45	9.91	15.21		1.00	10.10	546.82
Fair View	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	163.00	48.00			16.92	4.01	4.00		235.93
Gays Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville	52.91	23.00	11.19	4.33	10.05		.75		102.23
Hiddenite	D. Fred Milstead, Hiddenite	321.30		54.01	4.33	10 05		4.00	192.27	712.18
Lebanon	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	162.00	39.00		10.00	15.00		1.00		237.00
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson, Taylorsville	158.20	38.00			18.00		1.50	16.42	232.12
Linneys Grove	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite	160.00	60.00	95.00	27.62	11.36		2.55		336.36
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	90.00	30.00					1.75		121.70
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	125.00	25.00		5.00			2.66		156.00
Millersville	Lee Fincannon, Tayorsville	67.51	40.20	13.90	25.15	20.00		1.20	10.50	178.46
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	160.44	40.05	32.50	22.71	43.60		2.15	5.00	315.45
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	65.23	16.00							81.23
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	46.77	10.72							57.49
Mt. Olive	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	117.23	26.00		19.14	20.00		1.50	21.82	205.69
Pilgrim	Leslie Milsaps, New Hope	104.59	35.00			12.18		2.00	9.25	161.02
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	294.40	40.10		6.00	9.00		2.80		352.30
Pleasant Hill	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	53.00	35 00					2.50		90.50
Poplar Springs	Thurston Barnes, Taylorsville	111.32	27.00			15.00	14.50	.60	72.00	164.64
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	274.28	72.25		9.60	37.00		1.80	12.70	407.63
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville,	613.15	51.50	384.81	63.45	95.75	23.71	6.00	15.00	1251.37
Smyrna	J. J. Black, Conover	122.11	26.15	68.30	1.30	25.40		1.92	4.25	249.43
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	831.23	105.43	1730.61	181.74	209.10	37.30	10.00	39.80	3150.21
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, New Hope	171.97	51.00	10.00	13.50	14.50		2.20		253.17
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	279.50	31.00		11.00	19.50	22.50	3.75	391.54	758.79
White Plains	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville	154.65	25.00	63.00	68.00	40.32	11.10	1.80		324.25
	Mrs. Wade Willams							.25		
	D. W. Pool							.10		

Column No. (1) donates Pastor's salary, (2) Ministerial help and supplies (3) Building and repairs. (4) Incidentals. (5) Literature for Sunday School, B. Y. P. U and W. M. S. (6) Help given local poor. (7) For printing minutes and Clerk of Association. (8) Other objects. (9) Total for local purposes given by the church and all its organizations

Church Membership, Etc.

CHURCHES	PASTORS & POST OFFICES	When Constituted	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Value of Church Property
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Granite Falls	1826	2&4	170	48	5			6			7	210	$ 1900.00
Bethany	F. C. Watts, Purlear	1892	3	216	4				11			1	208	800.00
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1800	3	208	5				5			3	203	1200.00
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1871	1&3	274	16	2						2	290	2000.00
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville		1&3	50	10	10							70	
Concord	T. E. Payne, Hudson	1852	2&4	186	1				9			1	176	1500.00
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville	1839	1	172	8		1		1				180	1500.00
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1833	4	237	9				1			1	244	600.00
East Taylorsville	Maurice Baker, High Shoals	1924	1&3	235	1	4	2	1	6				237	
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville	1922	3	131	4							1	134	1000.00
Gays Chapel	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1885	2&4	82	7	5	3		1			1	95	1000.00
Hi denite	J. M. Hayes, Winston-Salem	1915	1&4	121	9	5			1			1	133	5500.00
Lebanon	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1884	2&4	72	5				7			1	69	
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1906	2&4	254	28	4			8			1	206	
Linneys Grove	G. D. White, Statesville	1895	3	130	3	2			4	1	1	3	126	850.00
Little River	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1792	1	112	4			1	3				114	1000.00
Macedonia	T. E. Payne, Hudson	1855	1	125	12	2			4			2	133	1000.00
Millersville	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1923	1&3	69	13	2			6				78	2000.00
Mt. Herman	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1912	2	240	20	8			2			2	264	
Mt. Hebron	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	1915	4	158	3								160	1000.00
Mt. Nebo	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1907	4	86	2				4				84	1500.00
Mt. Olive	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	1865	2	176	3				5			1	173	2000.00
Pilgrim	Noah Hayes, North Wilkesboro	1837	1	218	13	3			4			1	229	1500.00
Pleasant Grove	G. D. White, Statesville	1900	2	132	1				6	1			126	1500.00
Pleasant Hill	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1852	3	187	11							2	196	1000.00
Poplar Springs	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	1872	1	178	14	3			3			1	191	750.00
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1867	3	180	8				6			2	180	3500.00
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	1909	1234	301	7	2	3		7		1		305	2700.00
Smyrna	J. L. Teague, Hickory	1923	1&3	81	14	1							95	3000.00
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	1851	1234	381	21	12			6		1	1	406	12500.00
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville	1803	1	254	4	4			4	1		3	254	2500.00
Three Forks	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1857	3	366	10	2						2	376	1000.00
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1912	1	238	15	1			5			1	258	1500.00

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS ETC.

CHURCHES	Total To Co-operative Program	Special to Ass'n Missions	Special to State	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Other Special Gifts	Total Given for Missions and Benevolences All Departments
Antioch	$ 10.00	$	$	$	$	$ 14.08	$ 2.50	$ 12.33	$ 38.91
Bethany					30.00	36.00	5.25		71.25
Bethel					13.93	8.71	4.50		27.14
Bethlehem					46.75	66.74			113.49
Beulah					10.00	10.00			20.00
Concord							1.22		1.22
Damascus					87.47	18.63	20.92	30.85	157.87
Dover					5.00	42.50	5.35		74.95
E. Taylorsville					53.00	6.60	3.00	3.27	65.87
Fairview					37.16	52.82	10.00		99.98
Gays [illegible] hapel					3.44	4.75			8.19
Hidd[illegible]nite		51.25	15.52		32.44	141.00	22.26		263.47
Lebanon					30.00				30.00
Liledoun					3.92	23.00	6.00		32.92
Linneys Grove					16.90	13.00	11.50		41.40
Litt[illegible] River					7.25				7.25
Mac[illegible]donia						10.00			10.00
Mill[illegible]ville					1.75				1.75
Mt. [illegible]erman					13.36	12.00	6.50		31.86
Mt. [illegible]ebron					4.90	60.00			64.90
Mt. [illegible]bo						3.45			3.45
Mt. [illegible]ive			2.50	2.50		135.00	10.00		150.00
Pilg[illegible]m						60.00	5.00		65.00
Ples[illegible]nt Grove					111.83	35.75	27.70		175.28
Ples[illegible]nt Hill					7.00	9.49	5.71		22.20
Por[illegible] Springs					6.46	45.00			51.46
Sul[illegible]r Springs					23.85	73.09	3.00		99.94
Sto[illegible] Point	37.69			1.85	114.00	157.49	57.03	29.68	397.74
Sm[illegible]n	15.13		3.00	1.00	1.91	20.76	6.00		47.80
Tay[illegible]sville	32.05		53.24	11.56	238.19	164.58	95.53	18.10	613.25
Tay[illegible] Springs					23.78	16.00	13.50		53.28
Thy[illegible] Works					24.50	48.00	2.50		75.00
Wh[illegible] Plains					14.00	32.00	11.87		67.87

W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS

Churches	Presidents of W.M.U.—Post Offices	Number of Women's Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	W. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Enrolled	Tootal Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Contributions W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) by W.M.U.	Grand Total
Antioch		1					1	30					30		$	$	$
East Taylorsville	Mrs. S. G. Earp, Taylorsville	1					1	25					25		283.00		283.00
Hiddenite	Mrs. Vona G. Thomas, Hiddenite	1					1	27					27	18	34.77	93.93	128.70
Stony Point		2	1				3	30	16				46		6.00	72.03	78.03
Taylorsville		1	1	1	1	1	5	77	21	16	14	3	131	15	115.42	176.38	291.80

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (B. Y. P. U.'s and B. A. U.'s)

Churches	Number of B. A. U.'s	Number of Senior B. Y. P. U.'s	Number of Intermediate B. Y. P. U.'s	Number of Junior B. Y. P. U's	Total B. A. U.'s and B. Y. P. U.'s	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Inermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions
Taylorsville	1	2	2	1	6	12	20	25	12	65	36	37	50

The Associational Treasurer reports $811.61 passed through his hands for the various causes of the church work.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bethany	J. C. Poole
Bethel	L. E. Barnes
Concord	Claude Gant
Dover	F. A. Pennell
East Taylorsville	Lee James
Hiddenite	D. W. Pool
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner
Little River	D. L. Bumgarner
Mt. Herman	W. O. Johnson, Levi W. Teague
Mt. Olive	J. S. Stevenson, Olin Deal
Poplar Springs	Woodrow Brookshire
Stony Point	W. T. Comer
Taylorsville	A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, D. C. Thompson
White Plains	C. F. Friday, J. A. Icenhour

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1940

Proceedings:

10:00 A. M. The Alexander Association opened its 53rd. annual session by singing "Blessed Assurance".

Devotion by Rev. J. S. Stevenson. He gave an inspiring talk on the subject—"I go fishing or drifting" from John 14.

Roll call of churches and the following reported:

Antioch—Warren Hollar, Carris Austin, Bob Munday.
Bethany—C. J. Hendren, Junior Costner, F. P. Hendren.
Bethel—C. F. Millsaps, S. C. Campbell, Frank Campbell.
Bethlehem—R. Lee Teague, A. O. Hefner, Willie C. Hall.
Beulah—Dewey Webster, Jeffie Steele.
Concord—N. R. Martin, F. E. Binkley, F. L. Gryder.
Damascus—Elree Sloan, Gales Johnson, G. S. Pharr.
Dover—Harvey White.
East Taylorsville—Mrs. S. G. Earp, Mrs. Butler Chapman, L. C. Bostian.
Fairview—J. W. Querry, W. B. Hendren, M. W. Cooke.
Gays Chapel—W. G Ellis, G. L. Deal, L. F. Swicegood.
Hiddenite—D. Fred Milstead, J. A. Adams, Y. Y. Millsaps.
Lebanon—Edgar Bumgarner, Fay Bumgarner.
Liledoun—N. A. Fox. Clifford Chapman, C. A. Smith.
Linneys Grove—J. E. Tedder, Jay Gwaltney, Lee Childers.
Little River—By Letter.
Macedonia—W. P. Smith, J. M. Stikeleather, D. A. Carrigan.
Millersville—J. B. Thompson, Purvie Fox, Theodore Gryder.

Mt. Herman—W. D. Johnson, L. C. Echerd, Lee Herman.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Wilson Wike, Carl Deal.
Mt. Nebo—J. R. Burgess, Clyde Steele, Bessie Steele.
Mt. Olive—D. C. Lowe, R. T. Lowe, T. S. Deal.
Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, J. L. Childers, P. M. Godfrey.
Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers.
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, Marvin Bowles, Jay Lackey.
Stony Point—W. C. Grose, C. W. Combs, R. T. Rogers.
Smyrna—J. W. Perkins, McKee Bowman, Earl Huffman.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, C. E. Echerd, G. B. Pennell.
Taylor Springs—Boss Mayberry, D. L. Williams, Almedia Welborn.
Three Forks—J. W. McLeod, R. W. Childers, Mrs. W. J. Rogers.
White Plains—R. L. Grant, G. L. Chatham, Mrs. H. A. Pressley.

The moderator recognized the following visitors:

Rev. J. B. Shaw, J. C. Gwaltney, Mrs. E. A. Mackey of South Yadkin Association, and Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Blalock, our foreign missionaries.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominations:—A. C. Payne, Ray Sherrill, W. O. Johnson.

Time, Place and Preacher:—J. L. Gwaltney, S. F. Cook, C. J. Hendren.

Digest of Church Letters:—W. P. Smith, E. W. Teague, W. C. Grose.

Program:—E. V. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, R. B. McLeod.

Resolutions:—J. D. Whisnant, G. B. Pennell, J. B. Echerd.

By motion of Rev. G. C. Teague, Home and State Missions were deferred to the afternoon and Foreign Missions come at this hour.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. A. C. Payne, after the report was read Bro. Teague then made a motion to dispense with the discussion till the afternoon and the report on State Missions come at this time, so as to divide the time of speaking for Bro. Blalock as he was to speak on missions and preach the annual sermon.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

It has been said that with remarkable insight the prophet Isaiah envisioned a condition in which it would be necessary to "build the old wastes, . . . raise up the former desolations . . . and repair the waste cities", and while he was considering another generation, the picture that he paints is an accurate likeness of our times. Running through the warp and woof of this pall of blackness, there is a golden thread of hope. The Deliverer is to come and he is to bring "beauty for aches, the oil of joy for mourning, the agreement of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

It has further been said, that this is where Southern Baptists come in. Those who saw France and Belgium after the last world war, and those who have seen Spain, China, and the other countries where the present war is raging in recent years and months, saw ashes and mourning and the spirit of heaviness. What the condition is going to be after the present conflicts no one can now foresee. It is fairly certain, however, that the ruin will be unspeakable. Practically every nation of Europe and Asia will be bankrupt morally and spiritually. That means that American christians will be called upon to collect the pieces of wreckage and put them together. Such a program involves the outpouring of material resources and even life itself. Are we prepared to pay the price? Surely out of appreciation of God's goodness and in the light of our marching orders we shall realize that we are "come to the Kingdom for such a time as this."

Your committee would not for one minute minimize the great importance of other phases of missions. It seems to us that the question of Foreign Missions is paramount if indeed there could be any difference. When we come to consider the question we are appalled at the loss of life in the countries where Southern Baptists' responsibility rests and hundreds and thousands no doubt go down without a hope in our Savior. For this reason and many others which space is too short to mention, we urge a greater exertion among christians of the Baptist denomination in supplying the needed support for those who, for the sake of fallen humanity, and who love the people among whom they work with a passion that has never abated, and for those who have grown old in the Master's service in heathern lands. We are glad to have with us at this session of the association Elder and Mrs. T. L. Blalock, of the Baptist China Direction Mission, which has been directed by Brother Blalock for almost fifty years. At the present time the mission has eight missionaries and the membership of the churches is much larger than at any time in the past history of the mission. This includes eleven churches, with an aggregate membership of

over 1000, and the work is hopeful and making progress as never before. Through the Bible School the foundation is bring broadened and strengthened as never before, and we are glad to say that there are four young people planning to go out during the coming year.

The property belonging to the Mission is estimated at between $20,000 and $25,000. This includes three places secured for residences outside of the city of Tai An Fu, also a few leased places for chapels in the country, and two that were purchased. However, the Mission's main buildings are in the city or suburbs of Tai An Fu. There they hold church property, Bible School buildings and three residences for the missionaries. This property has been accumulated as the need has arisen over a period of years. It may be well to state that this property is held in the name of the Mission as American property under the laws and treaty rights of American citizens between China and the United States of America. It has proven a wise policy to hold property thus in China in these times of strife in that land, and if it had not been the case, the Mission would almost certainly have lost all their church property during the present Sino-Japanese so called incident. Due to conditions brought about by the Sino-Japanese war, the stated value of the Mission holdings would no doubt be reduced to some extent, yet it represents the approximate value in normal times. In addition to the above missionaries, there are about twenty-five Chinese pastors and evangelists and Bible women.

We could hardly close this report without mentioning the work now being done by Southern Baptists through the foreign mission board, which has 456 missionaries and 2,900 native workers in the 16 countries in which it is operating. Scattered throughout these fields there are 1883 churches, of which 1180 are self supporting, and 3,269 outstations. The total membership of these churches is 236,265. During the past year 18,606 have come into the fellowship of the churches by baptism.

As stated above, Southern Baptists occupy an important position in the responsibility for the evangelization of the world. It may be significant to mention that the first mission to be organized over the seas was the South China Mission in 1845. The youngest mission is the Manchukuo Mission organized in 1937. 125 of the of the missionaries are supported by the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, and 187 are kept on the field by individuals who consider these representatives as their own pastors or workers overseas. Many of the national co-workers are also supported by churches and by individuals who wish to have the privilege of this personal, direct touch with the fields.

From practically every part of the world there come reports concerning the progress of the gospel. Thrilling stories come from China. On account of the nation being overrun by the Japanese armies many people are brutally murdered. The young men in territory occupied by the enemy are taken for forced labor, while other millions pour out their life's things we have seen with our eyes, and the stories we have heard of the atrocities that have been committed on these innocent people, our tears like the prophet of old, would fain run down like a river; but on the other hand as we consider God's dealings during the year with us, and with His people, in this land, we cannot but exclaim like the prophet, 'His compassions fail not, they are new every morning.'"

Finally, the great work throughout the sixteen countries girdling the world belongs to Southern Baptists. Whether it be the direct mission plan, or through the board, it is God's entrustment to every individual Southern Baptist. It will grow or it will be limited in proportion to the generosity of Southern Baptists. The prospects for growth are as bright as the promises of God. May Southern Baptists not limit the progress of their work in lands afar by failing to give it adequate financial support!

With His own Spirit He is touching the hearts of the finest and best youth of the Southland, and He is calling them into service overseas. The Board is accepting only the best recruits chosen from the host of volunteers. These are offering their lives for the salvation of the more than 750,000,000 in distant lands. Their faith and surrender are a challenge to Southern Baptist not to limit the prospects for the carrying of the Kingdom, by failing to give unto the Lord His portion of their possessions.

Never were the doors to the hearts of men in these sixteen nations wider open to the Gospel. These doors open to the message of Southern Baptist missionaries constitute a further call to advance. Vast, untouched territories await new ventures of faith. And the hundreds of Southern Baptist stations already established, cry out for help in carrying forward their unfinished tasks.

From every section comes the call for a renewed advance in response to the Great Commission. From every point of view we see that the day has come when God is challenging Southern Baptists to increase their ranks, stengthen their forces, and enter more fully into the God-given opportunities that beckon and call.

A. C. Payne.

The report on State Missions was called, the text of the report was given and discussed by Rev. J. D. Whisnant, was adopted. The report to be sent to the clerk later.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The purpose of state missions is to evangelize. In order to evangelize we must promote certain causes. The Master commissions us to be witnesses unto Him "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea." We think of Judea as being the home state of Jerusalem.

In 1939 North Carolina had some 2,567 Baptist churches including our Indian churches with a membership of something like 509,864. 2,080 of these churches reported a total of 25,714 baptisms. 310 of these were among our Indian brethern.

North Carolina Baptist have been promoting mission work among the Indians, Negroes, and in the mountain areas. State missions helped some 83 pastors last year who pastored 161 churches; which pastors saw some 2,123 conversions.

Our state is supporting two orphanage homes: Mill's and Kennedy, and one hospital at Winston-Salem. These institutions serve our people in a remarkable way.

We had last year 170 ministerial students and workers who are natives of North Carolina attending, our seven Baptist Colleges; Wake Forest, Meredith, Choan, Mars Hill, Campbell, Wingate, and Boiling Springs. These men and women are our leaders of tomorrow.

May we continue to move forward bringing in His Kingdom in this state, redoubling our every effort.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. Whisnant

Song—"A Charge to Keep".

11:45 A. M. Hour for the annual sermon in the absence of Rev. G. D. White, the pulpit was filled by Rev. T. L. Blalock. Text 2nd Timothy 3: 17.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. Song, "I Am Thine O Lord"

Devotion by Rev. J. A. Webster. Prayer by Rev. Lee James.

Call for delinquent churches. Pilgrim was enrolled with messengers—W. G. Mayberry, J. W. Childers, B. W. Brewer.

Visitors were recognized as follows: Rev. M. A. Adams and T. P. Pruitt of Hickory.

1:20 P. M. The report on Evangelism was read by Rev. C. C. Holland. Was discussed by Rev. C. C. Holland and adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

"All authority is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples". These words are our marching orders, out into the fields to glean in the harvest or it goes down in the storm.

The following reports of baptisms by Southern Baptist during recent years indicate that the blessings of the Lord have been upon us.

During 1936	191,993	Baptisms
During 1937	204,567	Baptisms
During 1938	256,814	Baptisms
During 1939	269,155	Baptisms

These records are thrilling and inspiring, but the victory is far from won. According to statistics there are more lost people in the southland than there were 100 years ago. There are approximately 42,000,000 people in the south today and only about half of them are members of any church of any denomination. And according to estimate of Jesus in the parable of the ten virgins only 50 per cent of these have any saving grace in their hearts. So we see our task. The Baptists in their World Congress at Atlanta a year ago agreed to lay their major emphasis for the next five years on Evangelism. May they be great years.

If we are to be successful here there are some things that are indespensible.

First. We must realize that men are not merely unchurched, but are lost world without end.

Second. That Christ is able to save them.

Third. That we give ourselves with great consuming compassion, to importuning prayer, to preaching that is vibrant with the old fundamental doctrines of mens lost estate, necessity of repentance, regeneration of souls and life, and give ourselves to lives that "Would become all things to men that by all means we might save some".

Chas. C. Holland

1:50 P. M. The Report on Temperance was read by D. Fred Milstead. Was discussed by Bro. D. Fred Milstead and T. P. Pruitt and adopted.

INTEMPERANCE VERSUS TEMPERANCE

When a child observes a threshing outfit, he plays threshing the next day. When he visits a blacksmith shop, the following day he is a blacksmith. When he attends an evangelistic service, the succeeding day he is an evangelist. This is childhood.

Adults are grown up children. We think, whether we act or not, in terms of major happenings and events of the day. Consequently the majority of our people are thinking today

about war, and the terms that relate to war, preparedness, defense, coalition, strength, defeat and victory.

Since this is true, I should like to hang before our eyes three mental war pictures as follows:

Picture No. 1. The world one vast battlefield on which are marshalled and arrayed the forces of cruelty, oppression, greed, destruction, selfishness, tyranny and aggrandizement against the forces of liberty, justice and freedom. At the council table of these diabolical foes to civilization sits a band of giants who direct the operations of their armies, the chief of which I should like to designate as **Intemperance.**

Picture No. 2. Another battlefield. An innumerable army, uniformed and armed under the flag of sin and unrighteousness, arrayed against a small army of valiant soldiers who are loyal volunteers under the flag of righteousness, even King Jesus. Between these arrayed armies is a great plain and daily, hourly and momentarily a great giant is stalking to and fro defying the army of righteousness, this is the same giant who sat at the conference table in the other picture—**Intemperance.**

Picture No. 3. Another battlefield. The human heart. Two forces are battling for the mastery. One force insists that the individual without moderation or restraint indulge in any passion, appetite, ambition, pleasure, work, thinking or judgment, while the other force pleads for perfect sanity, perfect control and perfect restraint of all our physical and mental faculties. The influence or giant who directs the forces of over-indulgence and unrestraint is the same giant we have beheld in the preceding pictures—**Intemperance.**

Surely the forces of intemperance are arrayed against the forces of temperance and a mighty battle is being waged for supremacy. The challenge to every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ is to arm him or herself as did the Shepherd Lad in the long age-with a sling, symbolic of the Powerful Sword of the Spirit and the five stones that he chose, smblolic of **Faith, Prayer, Obedience, Consecration, and Temperance.**

Written for the Committee by
D. Fred Milstead
Hiddenite, N. C.

2:20 P. M. Special song by Bro. C. E. Echerd, "I Am Just Agoing Over Jordan".

By Motion of Rev. G. C. Teague a collection was taken for the Dry Forces.

2:55 P. M. The report on Christian Giving was called and read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, and adopted without discussion.

GIVING

Giving is commanded almost as often in the Bible as any other Christian duty. It is represented as a Christian grace and should be cultivated along with every other development.

Moreover, brethern, we do you the will of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, how that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. "And this they did not as we hoped but first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God."

"Therefore as ye abound in everything, in faith and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." 2nd Corrinthains 8:1-8.

There is that scattereth abroad and yet increaseth and there is that with holdeth more than is need and tendeth to poverty.

"Give a portion to seven and also to eight for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Ecc. 11:2.

How are we to give? The Bible has not left us in the dark as to the best method in Christian giving. "Let everyone of you lay by him in store on the first day of the week according as the Lord has prospered us."

"Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the fruits of all thine increase so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3

An effort should be made to enlist all our people in this grace as it brings a joy that we get from no other part of our service or worship.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. G. C. Teague, Bro. Teague yielded his time to the discussion of Foreign Missions. The report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

The term Home Missions is used to describe or designate one or a certain phase of missions. We get the word mission from a Latin word "Missio" or "Mittere" which means to send. It is the act of sending or being sent with certain powers to do some special service. Jesus said in Matt. 28: 19 "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you all the way, even to the end of the world." And in Acts 1:8, he said, "and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." So in dividing the work to be done, we speak of the work in

our state as State Mission and that phase of work done by a certain group of States jointly as Home Missions and that done in foreign lands and more distant from us as Foreign Missions.

Every Baptist Church is an independent and self-governing body, but in order to do their benevolent, educational and missionary work in the most effective and economical way, Baptist churches work together. In order that they may thus cooperate, Southern Baptist churches have organized Associations, State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. The State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention appoint executive committees which are called boards, to execute the work which their conventions plan and provide for. These boards are under the direction and control of the conventions, and these conventions are under the direction and control of the churches for they are made up of delegates from the churches. The wisdom and necessity for this arrangement is readily seen. The Baptist churches of North Carolina and of the Southland could not do their benevolent, educational and missionary work successfully unless they work together, and they cannot work together unless they are organized.

Our Home Mission Board is the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, through which the Baptist churches of the south do their Home Mission work. This board is located in Atlanta, Georgia, with Dr. J. B. Lawerence as its Corresponding Secretary.

A report on Home Missions is therefore a report of what has and is being done by this board. Work is being done by this board in 18 states of the south, which includes the Southern Baptist Convention, the Panama Canal zone and Cuba. Last year we had 348 missionaries working in 836 mission stations, 23 new missionaries were sent out, 22 mission stations and pastors homes were built, over 100 new stations were opened, and over 5,000 people led to accept Christ as Savior.

Extensive work is being done among the foreigners, Jews, Indians, and Negroes, and also deaf mutes. The work of Home Missions is principally the same type of work as State Missions only on a larger scale. Let us pray and give that this work may go on in a much greater array. The need is great. Jesus said, "Witness for me in all Judeas and in Samaris."

G. C. Teague

The report on Foreign Missions was then discussed by Bro. A. C. Payne and Rev. T. L. Blalock, and adopted.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1940

10:00 A. M. The Association was opened by singing, "How Firm A Foundation"

Devotion by Rev. J. L. Teague, read part of tenth chapter of John.

The Moderator recognized the following visitors, Bro. David Morgan of Raleigh, and H. G. Early of Mills Home

10:20 A. M. Religious Literature.

The report was read by Bro. C. E. Echerd. It was discussed by Bro. C. E. Echerd and David Morgan and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

To make an accurate report on this subject, as it relates to this Association, I should have a record of the literature in use by every church in the Association. This information I do not have. I will presume that every Sunday School is using the literature published by our Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. The Sunday School literature available runs all the way from the Builder, for the Superintendent, down through the grades, to cards for the wee tots, splendidly arranged for the several grades and their teachers. The literature for the Training Union is just as complete and well adapted to the several grades. If any church needs help along the lines of grading your Sunday School or organizing a Training Union, I invite you to get in touch with Miss Lucy Thompson or myself and we will see that you get help. "The Forerunner", published in the interest of and to furnish information about the direct mission plan of Foreign Mission work, as exemplified in by the life of our own Brother Blalock, should be more generally taken and read.

The "Commission", the mission journal of our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, gives a record of the location and something of the work of our Baptist Missionaries as they labor throughout the world.

"Royal Service" is used by our Women's Missionary Societies for program materials and information in their study of missions. "The Widow of Y. W. A." is the magazine used by our Young Woman's Auxiliary, for their programs and study.

Then there is "World Comrades" for the Girls Auxiliary, the Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeam Bands, each of these periodicals is suited to the age and need of each group.

When we speak of good literature, "Charity and Children" the weekly paper published at Thomasville, by our own Orphanage, The Mills Home, gives us, not only information about our work for the orphan, but editorial material that is most interesting, timely and full of homely philosophy. A number of copies should be taken by every Sunday School in the Association.

Last but not the least worthwhile, is our own Baptist State paper the "Biblical Recorder", that is full of information about our work and inspirational messages from the editor and other outstanding men of our denomination. Every Baptist home should take the Recorder. I have intentionally given the names and purposes of the literature mentioned above so that the reader of this report may be able to order from the publisher whatever they may need in their work. Of course, we all know that the Bible, the word of God, is the best of all literature and should be read daily. Baptist literature is to help carry out the commission to learn, to teach, to go.

Chas. E. Echerd.

ORPHANAGE

10:30 a. m. Bro. W. C. Grose, chairman of the committee on Orphanage was not present with the report. By motion of Bro. A. C. Payne, Brother Early was permitted to speak on the subject and Bro. Grose be notified to file his report with the Clerk. It was also discussed by Rev. T. L. Blalock and Rev. J. L. Teague and adopted.

Song: "More About Jesus".

Bro. J. L. Watts was appointed by the Moderator to take orders from the various churches for cans from the Mills Home to be filled next year.

11:10 A. M. BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The report was read by Mrs. Rom Teague. Was discussed by Mrs. Rom Teague, Rev. J. D. Whisnant, Mrs. Jessie Watts, Rev. Maurice Baker, Lee James, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Bro. C. E. Echerd, A. C. Payne, Rev. Perry Crouch, Miss Lucy Thompson, Mrs. M. R. Ingram and was adopted.

REPORT OF BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Baptist Training Union is a church at work growing Christians. Every Christian ought to win the lost to Christ, read his Bible and pray daily, support his church, be able to speak publicly for Christ, and grow in grace and knowledge of his Lord and Savior. We must admit however that few church members reach this standard without study and encouragement. A Baptist Training Union makes it possible for any church anywhere to develop all its members according to the New Testament pattern of Church Membership.

Baptist Training Union is no longer for the young people but includes every member of a Baptist church. While we continue to win lost people to Christ, we must train our present church members to be worthy Christians, witnessing by lives and words.

During the year East Taylorsville and Stony Point have added the Training Union work in their church program. At the last associational meeting at Hiddenite in August plans were made to hold quarterly meetings. The following associational officers were elected.

Pastor Advisor, Rev. C. C. Holland
Director, Miss Lucy Thompson
Associate Director, Rev. J. D. Whisnant.
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lucy Echerd
Leaders, Adult, Mrs. Rom Teague; Young People, Mr. Yates Millsaps; Intermediate, Miss Esther Ball; Junior, Miss Christine Combs; Story Hour, Miss Eugenia Echerd.

In the coming year we dedicate ourselves to a program of deepened spiritual life.

Veva Teague.

Report on digest of church letters; 33 churches reporting
28 churches made some contribution to missions
30 churches made some contribution to Orphanage
23 churches made some contribution to Hospitals
26 churches reported 180 baptisms.

Pastors salaries	$6,299.92
Local expenses outside pastors salaries	6,518.77
Missions designated	1,087.04
Co-operative program	260.22
Orphanage	1,368.87
Hospitals	478.93
Special objects	119.67
Total	16,099.54

Respectfully submitted.
W. Pleas Smith
W. C. Grose
E. W. Teague

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.
Time, Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October 1941.
Place, Pilgrim church.
Preacher, J. D. Whisnant
Alternate, J. C. Gwaltney.

Respectfully,
J. L. Gwaltney for the Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Moderator	A. E. Watts
Vice Moderator	Ray Sherrill
Clerk	G. L. Chatham

Treasurer ---------- J. L. Watts
Historian ---------- Charles Pool
The following Messengers to other Associations.
Brier Creek ---------- A. E. Watts
South Yadkin ---------- W. C. Grose
Caldwell ---------- A. C. Payne
Brushy Mountain ---------- W. O. Johnson
Southern Baptist Convention ---------- C. C. Holland

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Payne
Ray Sherrill
W. O. Johnson

Intermission.

1:00 p. m. Song, "Holy Manna".

Devotion led by Rev. W. O. Johnson. Read part of first chapter of Hebrews.

1:15 p. m. The above officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

1:25 p. m. Hospitals.

The report was read by Rev. J. C. Pool. It was discussed by Rev. J. C. Pool and Perry Crouch, and adopted.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We read in God's word that our Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. Therefore we realize that He is intensely interested in the sick and suffering. One of God's greatest ways of ministering to humanity is through His servants and we feel that North Carolina Baptists have a great opportunity of doing this by supporting the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. This institution received its first patient May the 28th, 1923, and more than 47,000 patients have been treated since that time. About one third of this number have been charity patients. More than 14,000 were mothers who returned home to their children. Almost 1,200 ministers of the gospel have been treated.

Last year 4,099 patients were treated, 1,500 of which were charity patients, 3,000 patients were turned away for lack of room, 1,000 of these were from Winston-Salem who could have paid their bills, this meant turning away $70,000.00. These were turned away to keep true to the Hospital's original purpose: To take care of and treat those who cannot pay. If the Hospital had closed its doors to these charity patients it could have run without an offering from any church.

Soon the hospital will be able to care for 8,000 patients per year. For the expense of helping care for this great number of sick we urge that a Mother's Day offering be taken or something by which we may help this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. Pool

1:45 p. m. Song, "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown."

1:50 p. m. Woman's Missionary Union.

The Report was read by Miss Annie Baker. It was discussed by Miss Annie Baker and adopted.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

"But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are Women's Missionary Union of the Alexander Association is deeply appreciative of the fact that it has, in an humble way, been able to serve its Master and Leader during the past. But such a little has been done that we should be moved to greater achievements to atone for past negligence.

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord", are the words of Paul to the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 15:58) At the present time doors of service and usefulness are flung wide open. Surely it is a time to bring forth all of our talents and use them for our Lord. We are at such a critical period that we can hear our Commander cry, "To your tents, O Israel."

"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," was the command given unto Moses by God. (Exodus 14:15) In considering our work we must think of the future, as well as the past and present. Our heritage must be passed to the oncoming generations in a better condition than when we received it. It is our privilege and duty to publish glad tidings, and extend God's Kingdom even to the Isles of the Sea. When the Christians of the world fully obey Christ's commands then indeed "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."(Habakkuk 2:14)

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Baker

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Messengers and representatives of the Alexander Association wish to express sincere appreciation to our good brothers and sisters of the Bethlehem Baptist Church and community for their splendid and manifest hospitality during the two, nineteen hundred and forty Association days.

May the blessings of the Eternal bless, keep and use you in the futherance of His Kingdom.

Resolved:

That the Alexander Association continue with increased spirit and ferver, blazing trails for those to come after us in time.

That all departments of our missionary program shall give valid expression to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in money, talent and prayer.

J. D. Whisnant
J. B. Echerd
G. B. Pennell
The Committee on Resolutions.

There were enrolled during the Association 75 Delegates. 137 visitors, and 16 preachers.

Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Dismissed until Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1941, by Rev. Perry Crouch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

March 30, 1940, Alexander Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Pleasant Grove Church, and was opened by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus".

Alexander Baptist Association met with Pleasant Grove Church, and was opened by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Devotion by Rev. J. A. Webster, read part of 14th chapter of St. John.

The following Subjects were discussed by the following speakers; Teaching for Christian Living, by Rev. C. C. Holland.

II Extension Service of the Sunday School, (a) Possibilities of Home Department and Cradle Roll, by Mrs. Vona Thomas. (b) Daily Vacation Bible School, by Misses Annie Baker and Lucy Echerd.

III Spiritual Preparation of the Teacher; Rev. E. V. Bumgarner was on this subject, but due to sickness Rev. A. E. Watts very earnestly and intelligently discussed the question.

Sermon by Rev. S. I. Watts; Text "Lovest Thou Me More Than These."

Rev. Robert Cline, of Washington, D. C., was a welcome visitor.

Intermission.

1:00 p. m. Devotion by Rev. W. T. Comer.

Fifteen churches were represented, it is hoped that in 1941 that number will be increased. May the God of Heaven so direct that all churches will be represented.

IV Facing Our Problems; by D. Fred Milstead.

V Facing Our Opportunities; by Rev. J. D. Whisnant

Address—by Rev. J. C. Pipes. Subject: Like Will Manifest Itself In Kind.

The Moderator appointed a Program Committee consisting of Rev. C. C. Holland, Bro. W. C. Grose and Mrs. Rom Teague.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the people of Pleasant Grove for their hospitality.

Dismissed by Rev. J. C. Pipes.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Miss Maggie Smith.

Bethany—Mr. E. V. Hendren, Deacon W. E. Hendren, Mr. Walter Pinnix.

Bethel—Mrs. Darcus Baker.

Concord—Mr. Jacob Icenhour, Miss S. P. Icenhour, Deacon D. F. Gryder, Mr. N. F. Warren.

East Taylorsville—Mrs. Vesta Watson, Mr. Dock Watts.

Hiddenite—Mr. James S. Lucas.

Liledoun—Mr. Hub Carrigan, Mrs. Laurel Teague.

Linney's Grove—Deacon A. E. Milsaps.

Little River—Mr. John T. Pool, Mrs. Nettie Hubbard.

Mt. Herman—Mrs. J. C. Montgomery.

Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Lizzie Clanton.

Mt. Olive—Mr. Christy Russell.

Pilgrim—Mr. John Connelly.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. Clyde Deal, Mr. Calaway King, Mrs. Clemontine Wike

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Dillie Pearson, Mrs. Mattie Crouch, Mrs. Cecil Sherrill, Mrs. Luna Russell, Mrs. David Pennell,, Mrs. Elsie Davis.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. J. B Sharpe, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Eliza Ann Lowrance, Mrs. Dora Sharpe, Mr. R. P. Thomas, Mr. Lee Bowles.

Stony Point—Mr. J. S. Harris

Smyrna—Miss Ruth Bowman.

Taylor Springs—Mrs. L. T. Younger, Mr. W. M. Reid.

Three Forks—Mrs. Francis Watts.

HISTORY OF BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Bethlehem Church is located near the western line of Alexander county. It is a large church and at a very beautiful spot. It was organized the second Saturday in December, 1871, of members from Antioch church with the presbytery consisting of Elders J. W. West and Hiram West. Charter members were A. R. Tant, C. A. Benfield, Martha Smith, Isabell Smith, Catherine Benfield, Maryan Benfield, Elender Starnes, I. S. Austin, Rebecca I Johnson, Sarah Teague, Mary L. Fox, E. Crawford Benfield, Fema Reese, Lavina Hed, Martha E. Teague, Henry Teague, and M. R. Austin(first deacon). None of these are now living.

The first pastor was Rev. Hiram West, who served until 1878, and was followed by Rev. J. R. Sherrill, who served until 1880. The church was without a pastor until 1889, when Rev. W. J. Bumgarner was called. He was followed by Rev. J. F. Davis in 1891, Rev. W. J. Bumgarner in 1897, Rev. J. M. Shaver in 1902, Rev. W. J. Bumgarner in 1912, and Rev. E. V. Bumgarner in 1931 and up to the present.

The following have served as church clerks; M. R. Austin in 1871, C. A. Benfield in 1872, V. W. Teague in 1891, Wm. W. Teague in 1896, T. G. Teague in 1923, V. W. Teague in 1925, and R. Lee Teague in 1931 and is the present clerk.

Rev. W. J. Bumgarner preached for some time under a brush arbor and said he could depend on three men to be present, one was deaf, one was blind, and one had a wooden leg.

Charles J. Pool,
Historian

W. M. U. ORGANIZATONS AND GIFTS—MEN'S BROTHERHOODS

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICE	No. W. M. S.	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Course	Contributions (Local Work) By W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) By W. M. U.	Grand Total For All Purposes
Hiddenite	Mrs. Vona G. Thomas,	1	1				2	27	18				45		108.75	98.61	207.36
Stony Point	Mrs. J. P. Watts,	2	1				3	30	12				42	12	11.39	87.73	99.12
Taylorsville	Mrs. M. R. Ingram	3	1	1	1	1	7	86	17	12	10	10	135	37	87.09	192.89	279.98

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (B. Y. P. U.'s AND B. A. U.'s)

CHURCHES	Director of Training Union	Adult Unions	Young Peoples Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions and Story Hours	Adult Enrollment	Young Peoples Enrollment	Intermediate Enrollment	Junior Enrollment	Total Enrollment Union-Story Hour	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Courses	Total Systematic Givers in all Unions
E. Taylorsville	Lee James,	1	1		1	3	12	8		12	32			14
Stony Point	Ester Ball,	1	1	1	1	4	16	12	24	18	70			
Taylorsville	C. E. Echerd,	1	2	2	1	6	11	18	22	12	63	28	41	55

Sunday Schools

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Yrs.	Primaries 6-8 Yrs.	Juniors 9-12 Yrs.	Inter. 13-16 Yrs.	Y. P. 17-24Yr.	Adults 25 Yrs. Up	Extension Dept.	Officers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptisms From S. S.
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Hickory		16	17	26	16	26	47		3	151	90	
Bethany	J. M. Costner, Pores Knob											54	4
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite											25	
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls		5	5	14	14	10	18		6	72	55	7
Beulah	Dewey Webster, Taylorsville.											65	
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point												
Damascus	C. E. King, Statesville, R. 2			14	12		20	16		5	65	36	3
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	10	10	9	12	15		25			81	75	5
East Taylorsville	Lee James, Taylorsville											65	2
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite									8	90	50	7
Gay's Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, R. 2		9		11	21		22		4	77	46	2
Hiddenite	D. Fred Milstead, Hiddenite	19	7	12	16	19	9	50	9	10	143	92	3
Lebanon	Edgar Bumgarner, Taylorsville											35	
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson, Taylorsville		33		18	35		20		6	112	85	
Linneys Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite			13	12	14	10	27			76	50	7
Little River													
Macedonia	J. P. Mecimore, Taylorsville											40	
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville		9		10		10	25		6	60	28	
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	15	14	23	22	43	29	12		7	165	115	11
Mt. Hebron	Carl Deal, Pores Knob											45	
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher, Stony Point												
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal, Pores Knob			12	15		25	18			70	42	
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	16	15	14	1	15	23	48			144	80	10
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville			15		24		29		7	65	35	4
Pleasant Hill	Howard Deal, Taylorsville		24		19	43	24	32	7		149	55	
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville											42	
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite	6	14	21	24	23		40		11	126	82	1
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville R. 6	2	3	15	12	24	31	83		12	215	169	6
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover, R. 1		26	25	40	16		12		3	63	34	12
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville		8	19	12	83	29	117		3	323	156	11
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope		30		24	16	14	22		8	84	50	
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	7	7	12	13	20	32	48		5	154	65	1
White Plains	R. W. Pressley, Hiddenite					13	12	38		8	110	73	

Gifts for Missions

CHURCHES	Treasurer And Post Office	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Other Causes	Totals
Antioch	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	$	$	$	$ 2.60	$ 14.50	$ 7.00		$ 26.10
Bethany					20.66	27.00	25.50		73.16
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite				13.53	57.65	4.50		75.68
Bethlehem	E. W. Teague, Taylorsville				37.30	72.17			109.47
Beulah	Tansy Webster, Taylorsville					2.50	2.50		5.00
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point				2.00			1.75	3.75
Damascus					101.19	31.20	42.80	14.86	190.05
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville				95	5.07	3.65		9.67
East Taylorsville						10.00	17.00		27.00
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite				18.36	35.50	14.50	9.35	77.66
Gays Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville				4.96	3.89			8.95
Hiddenite	J. A. Adams, Hiddenite	18.00	15.60	7.15	39.26	160.93	37.00	33.36	311.30
Lebanon					58.00	4.00			62.00
Liledoun					2.30	43.25	4.55		50.10
Linneys Grove					20.00	15.00	11.60	15.25	61.85
Little River					10.00				10.00
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville					10.00	5.00		15.00
Millersville									
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville				12.24	37.81	9.35		59.40
Mt. Hebron					7.18	57.00			64.18
Mt. Nebo					3.00	6.85			9.85
Mt. Olive	Seth Deal, Pores Knob					154.50			154.50
Pilgrim	Mrs. L. C. Millsaps, New Hope				10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	35.00
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Childers, Stony Point				111.83	27.88	30.33		170.04
Pleasant Hill	J. Z. Harrington, Taylorsville				6.59	55.63	12.19		74.41
Poplar Springs	Thurston Barnes, Taylorsville				5.00	42.00			47.00
Sulphur Springs	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite				68.17	61.90	10.12	4.85	145.04
Stony Point		27.65	4.60	16.60	120.25	159.18	83.64		411.92
Smyrna	J. W. Perkins, Conover	11.45	2.55	3.04	3.04	11.45	1.55	2.30	35.38
Taylorsville	J. L. Watts, Taylorsville	48.20	12.64	68.41	322.05	182.40	101.05	33.00	737.78
Taylor Springs					7.50	15.55	12.00		35.05
Three Forks	Sally Rogers, Taylorsville				21.36	37.00	20.15		78.51
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorsville				22.03	16.06	11.00		49.09

Gifts for Local Church Work

CHURCHES	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	Salary Pastor's	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. & BYPU&WMS	Help given to Local Poor	For Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total given by Church For Local Purposes
Antioch	Warren Hollar, Granite Falls	$114.80	$ 40.00	$1221.60	$19.40	$38.25	$	$2.00	$22.40	$1439.05
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	157.28	37.25			5.00		2.00		201.53
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	89.90	27.50					2.00		118.50
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	384.20	44.31	33.48	6.75	50.12			12.10	530.96
Beulah	R. C. Payne, Taylorsville									
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	85.00	18.60		10.00	5.00		75		119.25
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville	200.00	55.45	33.00	2.00	14.60		3.25	7.25	315.55
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	104.00	19.50			10.00		1.55		135.05
East Taylorsville	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville	215.81	40.47	6.10	18.13	23.11			1.15	304.77
Fair View	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	180.00	40.00	57.50	4.75	16.92		4.00	62.50	365.67
Gays Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville	103.75	20.00		16.66	9.23		50	13.51	163.65
Hiddenite	D. Fred Milstead, Hiddenite	462.69	38.00		54.77	53.54	145.00	4.00	144.13	902.03
Lebanon	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	117.75	31.35		5.00	15.00		2.00		171.10
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson, Taylorsville	191.66	33.40			22.00		1.75	24.23	273.04
Linneys Grove	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite	161.00	51.00		9.80			2.15		223.95
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	90.00		350.00				50		440.50
Macedonia	W. P. Smtih, Taylorsville	130.00	25.00		5.00			1.50		161.50
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville	79.44	11.00	37.15	11.00	9.00		1.60		148.19
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	230.89	34.96		25.04	37.33		2.00		330.22
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	48.32	16.56					1.05		65.93
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	85.00	15.55					2.34		102.89
Mt. Olive	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	76.31	31.85		10.11	23.94		1.50		143.71
Pilgrim	L. C. Millsaps, New Hope	125.00	35.10	35.00		25.05			17.16	237.31
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	236.52	71.25		9.60	12.41		4.00		333.78
Pleasant Hill	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	52.50	14.80			25.50		3.30		96.10
Poplar Springs	Thurston Barnes, Taylorsville	126.50	21.00					1.35		147.40
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	298.05	36.00		10.00			2.75	9.75	356.55
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville	553.27	420.33	166.70	130.36	83.74	15.06	6.00	41.00	1422.01
Smyrna	J. J. Black, Conover, Rt. 1	102.00	25.00	31.00		36.89		1.50		196.00
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	856.27	102.27	788.28	199.97	184.31	7.81	8.10	139.13	2286.64
Taylor Springs	Almedia Welborn, New Hope	156.51	57.50	45.00	13.50	12.75		4.00		289.26
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	312.00	53.60	163.80	12.00	47.52		3.00		598.92
White Plains	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville	169.20	25.00		9.60	37.21	8.00	3.25		252.26

Church Memberships

CHURCHES	Pastors and Post Offices	When Constituted	Days of Meeting	Memb'ship Rep't'd Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total present Members
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Granite Falls	1826	2-4	210	10	1			3			1	217
Bethany	F. C. Watts, Purlear	1892	3	216	5			1	20		2	3	197
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1800	3	203	5				4			1	203
Bethlehem	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1871	1-3	290	8	2			2			1	297
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville		1-3	50	5	6			4	1			56
Concord	T. E. Payne, Hudson	1852	2-4	176							1	4	171
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	1839	1	180	8	1			2				187
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1833	4	244	2				3				243
East Taylorsville	Maurice Baker, Lincoln	1924	1-3	201	3	6			2			2	206
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville	1922	3	134	10								144
Gays Chapel	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1885	3	95	2	1							98
Hiddenite	J. D. Whisnant, Stony Point	1915	134	133	3				7			1	128
Lebanon	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2-4	69	16	1		1	8		7		72
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1906	2-4	254	1	4		1	3			2	212
Linneys Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	1895	3	126	7	1			7			1	126
Little River	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1792		14					2			2	110
Macedonia	T. E. Payne, Hudson	1855	1	133					1			2	130
Millersville	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	1923	2-4	79					2				77
Mt. Herman	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1912	2-4	264	11				13			2	260
Mt. Hebron	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	1915	4	160					2			1	157
Mt. Nebo	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1907	4	84		5			2				87
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1865	1-3	173		2						1	174
Pilgrim	Noah Hays, North Wilkesboro	1837	3	229	10	7			4			1	241
Pleasant Grove	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	1900	2	126	8	4							138
Pleasant Hill	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1852	3	187					2		1	3	181
Poplar Springs	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	1872	1	178					4			6	168
Sulphur Springs	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	1867	3	180	1	3			5		1	6	172
Stony Point	J. D. Whisnant, Stony Point	1909	1234	305	6	2			14			1	298
Smyrna	J. L. Teague, Hickory, R. 2	1923	1-3	96	6				10		1	1	90
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	1851	1234	406	13	12		7	7		14		417
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	1803	1	254	19				7			2	264
Three Forks	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1857	3	376	8	8			7			1	384
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1912	1	258	13	1			1				261

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Dover ---------- F. A. Pennell
East Taylorsville ---------- B. F. Peeler and Lee James
Hiddenite ---------- D. W. Poole
Lebanon ---------- E. V. Bumgarner
Mt. Herman ---------- Levi W. Teague and W. O. Johnson
Mt. Clive ---------- Olin Deal and J. S. Stevenson
Poplar Springs ---------- Woodrow Brookshire
Smyrna ---------- J. L. Teague
Stony Point ---------- W. T. Comer
Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs ---------- L. T. Younger and D. C. Thompson
White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday and J. A. Icenhour

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1941

Proceedings:

10:00 A. M. The 54th annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association was opened by singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name".

Devotion by Rev. J. A. Icenhour.

Roll Call of churches and the following reported:

Antioch—W. J. Caldwell, John Fox, John Teague.
Bethany—C. J. Hendren, A. E. Moore, Wade Poole.
Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, Earl Bentley, Vaughn Bentley.
Bethlehem—R. Lee Teague, Fate Sherrill, T. B. Wagner.
Beulah—J. E. Webster, J. L. Rufty, Dewey Webster.
Damascus—R. N. Sloan, T. H. Sloan, G. S. Pharr.
Dover—R. A. Pennell, Harvey White, Ward Pennell.
East Taylorsville—By Letter.
Fair View—J. W. Querry, Ernest Mitchell, J. R. Looper.
Island Ford—J. H. Byers, P. O. Stewart, Ross Johnson.
Linneys Grove—J. F. Baker, W. F. McLain, J. E. Tedder.
Macedonia—W. P. Smith, J. M. Stikeleather, J. P. Mecimore.
Millersville—J. B. Thompson, Pervie Fox, Lee Fincannon.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Robe Daniels, Jacob Deal
Mt. Herman—P. E. Johnson, L. W. Teague, W. D. Johnson
Mt. Nebo—J. P. Steel, J. R. Burgess, J. T. Christopher.
Pilgrim—Leslie Millsaps, L. P. Shoemacher, J. F. Bunton.
Pleasant Grove—E. R. Teague, J. C. Goforth, Q. M. Teague.
Poplar Springs—Gussie Rogers, Butler Chapman, W. L. Russell.
Rocky Creek—Ray Parlear, Willie Johnson, John Frazier.
Smyrna—J. W. Perkins, Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Fred Teague.
Stony Point—W. C. Grose, E. L. Estes, H. S. Grose.

Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, Asa Hines, Earl Lackey.

Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, R. L. Moose, Mrs. R. L. Teague.

Taylor Springs—Bass Mayberry, Joe Cass, Kenneth Redmon.

Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, Robert Herman, R. S. Barnes.

White Plains—R. M. Grant, Mrs. M. E. Little, Mrs. R. M. Grant.

Bros. A. C. Payne, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and Rev. C. J. Foole were appointed by the Moderator, as a committee to investigate the application of Rocky Creek Baptist church for membership in the Association.

The following visitors were recognized by the moderator: Bros. W. E. Snow, W. C. Myers of Brushy Mountain Association; Rev. J. C. Farks and Guss Myers of Brier Creek Association; Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Blalock our Foreign Missionaries.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominations—Y. Y. Millsaps, S. F. Cook, W. C. Grose.

Digest of Church Letters—E. C. Echerd, Howard Teague, Rom Moose.

Time, Place and Preacher—W. P. Smith, W. G. Mayberry, R. B. McLeod.

Program—E. V. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, G. L. Chatham.

Resolutions—E. C. Shoe, J. L. Gwaltney, J. A. Icenhour.

Report on Home and State Missions, read by Bro. A. C. Payne, was discussed by A. C. Payne and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS

I. State Missions.

In the years past and after the organization of the Baptist State Convention, it has been said that the primary purpose of state missions was to promote evangelism, to establist churches and to support them by giving aid to the pastors of the churches until such time as they could become self-supporting. Since the early days of the convention work in North Carolina, the objects and the activities carried on through State Missions have become many and varied. So it is now clear that while in the beginning the work of the convention through State Missions was limited largely to evangelism and to the building and support of churches, that all the other agencies and activities have come as Baptists have increased in numbers, and as their vision has enlarged.

North Carolina Baptists through the Cooperative Program and special offerings, support foreign and home missions, so that State Missions are limited to the work in North Carolina. It has been said that if "where there is no vision the people perish" is true, it is obvious that where there is vision the people grow because they are constantly nourished.

Then, we can see that the purpose and scope of State Missions in brief, is to assist the churches in establishing the reign of Christ in the hearts of the people of North Carolina, and thereby affect all their varied relationships.

In order that we may be informed of the conditions in North Carolina at the present time, it will not be amiss to call attention to the list of statements all of which are challenging to the people of the state, and especially to the churches:

"1. It is said that North Carolina, when compared with the other 47 States in the union, ranks first in homicides and three other major felonies two of which are capital.

"2. That there are perhaps a million people in North Carolina to whom the Lord Jesus means nothing.

"3. That there are nearly 800,000 prospects for Baptist churches in North Carolina.

"4. That there are perhaps two hundred thousand members of Baptist churches who are doing nothing to advance His Kingdom in North Carolina and elsewhere.

"5. That there are perhaps two hundred thousand church members that is to say one-half the total membership, who do not attend with regularity any Sunday school at all.

"6. That probably two-thirds of our young people are wholly without any definite and specific training in the churches.

"7. That there are probably two hundred and fifty thousand Negro Baptists in the State who look to their white brethern for encouragement and help.

"8. That there are scores of places in North Carolina where probably no religious services at all would be held were it not for the help extended through State Missions; and that there are many places where religious services ought to be held but cannot because the State Convention does not have the funds with which to provide those religious services.

"9. That there are nearly ten thousand prisoners in the State Prison system (not including those in the jails), hundreds of whom are being released every month, but for whom our Convention and churches are doing nothing, or next to nothing, to set their feet again in the right path.

"10. That an offering of just twenty-five cents, on an average from those enrolled in Baptist Sunday Schools in North Carolina would provide about $100,000, thereby enabling the Board to undertake a real program of State Missions.

"11. That to change these conditions, that is to make Christ regnant in North Carolina, the Board is expending only about one-half as much as was being expended fifteen years ago, and solely because it does not have the money."

It is of general information to all observing church people.

First. That the trend in a large area of our world today is away from democracy and toward totalitarianism; and that democracy is on trial as it has not been for perhaps fifty years.

Second. That democracy is essentially spiritual and will not work, as Dr. Walt N. Johnson keeps telling us among unregenerated people.

Third. That since democracy is spiritual it must be undergirded by religion if it is to work.

Fourth. That Baptists at a time like this ought to have a work for our world on the meaning of spiritual democracy.

Fifth. That we stand at the opposite pole from all totalitarian ideals whether in government or in religion.

Sixth. That even though we do have a word it will be useless unless we spread it; that a demonstration is always worth one hundred times as much as an argument; and that, therefore, one sure way to promote the spread of the Christian way of life and thereby the democratic ideal across the seas is for us to demonstrate the fact that it works here in America and in North Carolina.

Seventh. That, it would appear, there is no spot on the earth better suited for a demonstration of the Christian way of life than here in North Carolina.

Eighth. That in view of our world situation, and for the reasons given here as well as for others, we here in North Carolina ought to do and give to our utmost everything possible in an effort to make Christ regnant in North Carolina.

Ninth. That through State Missions our churches, working cooperatively through the Baptist State Convention, are trying to accomplish this task; and that every Baptist ought to want to share enthusiastically in the promotion of this effort.

Surely then if we could have a sincere and abiding faith in that which is endeavoring to be accomplished for the promotion of the Kingdom of God here on earth through State Missions, we would be more earnestly and constant in our efforts as churches and individual members thereof to aid in this work.

We call your attention to the many agencies that are used in the upbuilding of His Kingdom: Evangelism, Establishing and supporting churches; the Ministry of church development, of Teaching and Training, Ministry to the sick, and to the Wayward.

We could not close this report without a word of appreciation for the wonderful work that is being done by our two general missionaries, M. O. Alexander and J. C. Pipes. The unselfish service of these two christian men is being rendered

in the main part to an appreciative people, and never before in the history of this state has the service of men like these been needed more than they are today.

North Carolina in largely Baptist territory. Baptists will be utterly remiss in their duty unless they meet this challenge and opportunity.

II. Home Missions.

The ninety-sixth annual report of the Home Mission Board reveals marked progress on every field, as shown by the following brief summary:

Total receipts from all sources, $560,168.09; number of missionaries 391; number of churches and mission stations, 915; new mission stations opened, 71; new pieces of property acquired, 14; number of sermons preached, 31,403; number of person touched in personal work, 77,440; number of people making profession of faith, 5,375; number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, 4,443; number of tracts distributed, 724,505.

The most marked achievement of the year financially was the refinancing of the Board's total debt of $850,000, interest saving alone by the reducing of the rate to 3 1-4 and 3 1-2 per cent amounting to $9,000, a year.

Misionary Achievements

On the Cuban field, according to the report of Superintendent M. N. McCall, there are fifteen more workers than were reported a year ago. The present force of 87 missionaries in Cuba delivered last year 9,815 sermons, made 55,714 missionary visits, baptized 261, and ministered to 4,544 church members in the 57 churches on the island.

Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary, reports 260 workers in the department of missions in the homeland. Thirty new missionaries have been appointed. The 260 workers serve 186 churches and 498 mission stations. The 186 churches report a membership of 16,900. Our workers report 4,932 conversions, 2,468 baptisms, 21,726 contacted in personal work, 302 Sunday schools, 256 revival meetings.

Pentecostal Results In Soul-Winning

"Marvelous and multitudious victories" in soul-winning have come from God, according to Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism. Tentative figures indicate that approximately a quarter of a million people have been won to Christ and baptized in the past year, thus making our church membership more than 5,000,000.

Jewish Trophies

This marks the twentieth year of Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus' work with the Home Mission Board, a year which he says has witnessed perhaps the greatest awakening on the part of the Jews toward Christ. The Jews themselves are demanding

more and more that an intelligent presentation of the Gospel be given through the printed page.

Southern Baptists In National Defense

The Home Mission board has an exceptionally important role to play in the work of spiritual ministry to the men serving in our national defense, according to Dr. Noble Y. Beall, Home Mission Board's contact man in the army camps. This defense program has brought on a crisis which if not successfully met will bring consequences that will affect organized religion in ways which will prove to be most disastrous.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PAYNE

Report on Baptist Hospital, read by W. C. Grose, was discussed by Rev. E. C. Shoe and adopted.

HOSPITALS

The Baptist Hospital is located in Winston-Salem under the general supervision of the Baptists of this state. It was founded for the sole purpose of providing hospitalization for the sick of the entire state. This hospital provides treatment for those who cannot pay hospital treatment elsewhere. Our own people, the Baptist, and all other denominations, may have a hospital under Christian influences.

The first superintendent of the hospital was Dr. G. T. Lumpkin who passed away in 1933. His successor was in our worthy brother Smith Hagerman who today is doing a fine work for the hospital. He has a staff of over sixty medical and surgical doctors and over forty nurses at the service of the patients. A specialist may be had for any case day or night.

The institution received its first patient on May 28th 1923, and more than 47,000 have been treated since that time, about one third of this number have been charity patients. More than 14,000 were mothers who returned home to their families. Twelve hundred ministers have been treated.

In 1940, 4099 patients were treated, 1500 of which were charity patients, 3000 were turned away for lack of room, 1000 of these were from people who could have paid their bills, this meant turning away $70,000. From these figures the hospital did $105,000 worth of free work for those charity patients.

The original purpose of the hospital was to care for and treat those who could not pay. It could have closed its doors to charity patients and run without an offering from any Baptist church, but thousands would have gone without treatment.

The medical school of Wake Forest College has combined with the Baptist Hospital. This will give the hospital the services of more doctors and nurses.

About 200 more beds will be added, and then the institution will be able to care for 8000 more patients per year.

The Hospital has to depend largely on Mothers Day offerings. Shall we have a part in this noble work? If we have a part in the program of Jesus we dare not neglect the sick. The healing of the sick occupied a large place in Jesus' ministry.

Then shall we , the Baptist of the Alexander Association, not strive to be more like our Masters?

Your committee recommends that on Mothers Day this worthy cause be presented to our Churches and Sunday Schools, and let them have an opportunity to share in this noble service for our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Grose.

Song: "On Jordans Stormy Banks."

11:20 A. M. Hour for the annual sermon, Rev. J. D. Whisnant being sick, alternate Rev. J. C. Gwaltney preached from Ephisians 1: 22-23.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. Song "He Leadeth Me".

Devotion by Rev. C. J. Poole.

Call for delinquent churches and the following were enrolled:

Concord—N. R. Martin, F. E. Binkley, C. O. Little.

Gays Chapel—W. G. Ellis, L. F. Swicegood, C. B. Swicegood..

Hiddenite—R. G. Goodin, Y. Y. Millsaps, Mrs. T. L. Matlock.

Lebanon—Edgar Bumgarner, G. W. Bumgarner, Fay Bumgarner.

Liledoun—By Letter.

Little River—D. L. Bumgarner, N. C. Deal, R. O. Mullis.

Mt. Olive—Olin Deal, Mrs. Edgar Deal, Mrs. R. W. Pearson.

Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, J. Z. Harrington, Frank Gwaltney.

An application for membership in the Association from Island Ford Baptist church was received, the moderator appointed the same committee on investigation for Rocky Creek to investigate Island Ford.

Report on Womens Missionary Union read by Mrs. M. R. Ingram was discussed by Mrs. Ingram and adopted.

REPORT

We find the missionary programme of Jesus stated in Acts 1: 8. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Toward promoting this program, the W. M. U. of Alexander Association this past year gave $478.79. Also gifts in ser-

vice and time were donated. An attempt was made, although in a very small way, to share in the entire program of Jesus.

The small service was made possible by the cooperation of a few of our women and young people. If more helpers would take part, a greater service could be rendered.

It is earnestly hoped that during the forth coming year a greater number will be enlisted in the W. M. U. work. A worthy theme for the new year could be "Enlist all the churches of the Association in W. M. U."

Respectfully,
Mrs. M. R. Ingram.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. C. E. Echerd, was discussed by C. E. Echerd and I. G. Greer and adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

The purpose of the Baptist Orphanage as provided in the charter, is "to prepare poor and promising orphans for the duties and responsibilities of life", this our Mills and Kenedy Homes have been doing faithfully and well.

These two homes under the general superintendency of I. G. Greer, with J. C. Hough as superintendent of the Kennedy home and their staff of faithful workers are preparing our orphans to be good and useful citizens. They are taking those who have no opportunities and giving them a chance in life.

This not only includes bread, shelter and raiment, but wholesome instructions by godly men and women who strive to build strong bodies, physically, mentally and spiritually.

The Orphanage is just a great big home that functions as smoothly as any home. Every Baptist should visit our home to see how well our little gifts are used. Every member of the churches in this Association should be given an opportunity to help in this great work. I challenge every Sunday School superintendent to give his school a chance to give the collection, on the first Sunday of every month, to the Orphanage and see how much pleasure you get out of it.

We pray to our Heavenly Father "Give us this day our daily bread". The only way He can give the children in our Orphanage their daily bread is through us. Will you do your part?

Chas. E. Echerd.

A collection of $27.01 for the Orphanage was taken at this time.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. S. A. Stroup, it was discussed by Rev. S. A. Stroup and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The past year was one of the best years of our work on the Foreign Fields.

We have 457 active Missionaries and nearly 3000 native

workers. We have been doing work of teaching preaching, and healing in sixteen countries of Africa, Asia, Europe and America. 35,291 students have been taught, 136,994 patients have been ministered to and an innumerable thousands have had the Gospel preached to them. The membership of the churches was increased 18,542 who came by Baptism.

There has been a considerable reduction in the indebtedness vitally related to achievements. Mentioned above are the women of the Southern Baptist Convention. Year by year their Lotty Moon gifts have increased until last year they reached the highest mark in all the history of Womens Missionary work, the total sum given in this sacrificial offering last year was $363,743.30, with this and the regular funds Missionaries have been sent to the land of their hearts desire. Homes have been built for the missionaries and schools and churches and hospitals have been made possible to those who desperately need them.

The Commission the Foreign Mission Magazine has a circulation of 23,190 and the number of subscribers is steadily growing. This publication furnishes fresh information concerning our needs and successes and our opportunities on all the Foreign fields.

Great opportunities knock at our door in Africa. Only once before have Southern Baptist had more Missionaries under appointment for the dark continent, than at present.

In China now the servant of God is deeply appreciated. At present there are about 110 Chinese Missionaries at work in China and the Philippines. It is expected that Missionaries will be sent within a few months to unoccupied China. The funds are in our treasury for the support of the work there, in the meantime multitudes are hearing and heeding the Gospel.

The doors of Japan seem to be closing. Only one of our Missionaries remain in that country, Dr. Mansfield Garrott.

Our European Missionaries have wrought well despite war revolution and earthquake, people are finding and following Christ.

The Souls of our Missionaries are being tried now by tragic conditions in the world, especially in the Orient.

Let us pray and give with an eye single to the glory of our Lord and Master.

S. A. Stroup

Report of Eld. T. L. Blalock to be added to the report of Foreign Missions.

"Since the beginning of the Baptist China Direct Mission, the Lord has enabled us to lead to China 19 missionaries, most all of whom are still carrying on in the great work of missions.

Something over a year ago, when I left China we had organized eleven Baptist churches, also we have 70 towns

where we have believers. These are only a few among the thousands of towns where Christ has been preached. This takes no account of the thousands reached and deeply by missionaries during time home on furlough, some of whom have gone as missionaries and others into a great work for the Master at home. This the dear churches of Alexander more than any other group of churches have made possible. Second is the Briar Creek Association. Your reward, dear ones is sure, may God Bless you.

T. L. Blalock

Miscellaneous:

The committee on investigation, reported favorably on application, for membership in the Association, of Rocky Creek and Island Ford churches, by motion these churches were accepted as members in the Association.

Dismissed by I. G. Greer.

Adjourned until tomorrow at 10:00 a. m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1941

The Association was opened by singing "Amazing Grace".

Devotion by Rev. Noah Hays.

The Moderator recognized Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pipes.

China Missions: Elder T. L. Blalock, our missionary to China, made an interesting talk on the work in China by the little band of Christian workers supported by this Association. The report to be added to the report on Foreign Missions.

The report on Evangelism, read by Rev. J. L. Teague, discussed by J. L. Teague, and adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism as commonly accepted means winning others to Christ. We think that true evangelism goes a step beyond this and gives instruction to those who have been won to Christ. We think this is very clearly borne out in the commission as given in Matthew 28: 19-20 "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you."

The task and scope of evangelism is great. It reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth. It extends down through the ages till Christ shall come again. Our work of winning men and women to Christ will never be ended so long as there are lost folks in the world. It would appear that this great task has only just been begun. We cannot accomplish it by ourselves, but the Master said preach to all nations and Lo I am with you. It's ours to look about us and behold the witnesses of the fields next to us and undertake to win the folks nearest to us by our own personal contact and preaching, and then join our forces with others to win those farther

away. In order to do our best for the Master in winning souls we must have:

First: A godly ministry filled and thrilled with a passion for souls, one that is willing to become all things to all men in order to win them for Christ, a ministry with the word of truth hid away in the heart enabling them to tell folks what to believe and lead them to do so.

Second: A consecrated church membership with souls aglow with love for God and for man. Then shall men take knowledge of them that they are the children of God.

Third: A proper organization of the Lord's forces for working together, and for working with the Lord. In the Lord's business there is place for much team work.

Fourth: A definite plan for information and instruction. Too many times our evangelistic zeal is without the accompaniment of the proper knowledge. Hence the place in evangelism for a complete census of the community, and for study courses based on the Bible for the instruction of those who would like to be soul winners and assist in the evangelistic campaign.

Fifth: Supplication at a throne of grace on the part of both minister and people asking for wisdom, and power, and persuasiveness, waiting for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, willing to leave results in the hands of the Lord.

Just here let us call special attention of the great need of preaching and the services of ministers with the shepherd heart to do service in connection with our army camps. There are thousands of our boys torn away from their homes and away from all religious influences. Let us remember them and do what we can for them now.

Brethern, let us preach the word.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Teague,

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. E. C. Shoe, was discussed by Rev. Shoe and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Render therefore to all their dues:
Tribute to whom tribute is due,
Custom to whom custom,
Fear to whom fear,
Honor to whom honor."—Rom. 13:7.

Upon such a basic principle what could or should be said about spirituous liquors? Perhaps the most fitting phrase above is this—"fear to whom fear." More to be feared than a Napoleon, than an Alexander the Great, than a Kaiser Bill than a Stalin or a Mussolini—yea, more to be feared than an Adolph Hitler is that old "cure-for-snake-bite", "anti-pain-oil" of the devil, STRONG DRINK. Warriors pass with time, even their victories may be their defeat but liquor never fails.

It will admit anything but defeat. Like the "Old Sly Fox" it pretends "I'm dead", or I am a gentleman now or a lady, or as you like it. Come, make haste and try my taste, I am pointed off to suit your case. I'll pay with relaxation your bills of taxation and give you the strength of my hand; I'll drive away your fears and dry up your tears and sometimes you'll understand, I provided you an education that will make you a great nation—Oh, yes, My lad, you too can be a man. Such are the fabulous promises of Old Man Liquor but be not deceived—The Good Book says, "The time will come when men shall believe a lie rather than the Truth.

Of a truth, liquor is public enemy number ONE. Its tale is the same in palace, home, or hovel. It has been the greatest, colorful propagandist the world has ever known. It has maintained the largest standing army of all the nations combined. It has told more lies and maintained its honor than all other liars put together. It has visited more honored places than all Kings, Princes, and Presidents of all time. It has marked more graves than any malady or all wars of all time. Wm. E. Gladstone says "The liquor traffic causes more poverty, more misery, and more deaths than all wars of all times." Theodore Roosevelt said, "Liquor works more ruin than any other one cause." Connie Mack says, "Old Man Booze has put more men out of the game than all umpires together." Dan E. McGugin of Vanderbilt U says, "In 30 years with college men I have never known a student, who was addicted to alcohol while in college, who has ever attained any position of real leadership in after life."

Too bad, from Z to "A. B. C." or from ancient Noah to this present hour liquor has not produced a single hero to sing its praise or left a single marker to perpetuate its honor. Dr. J. Clyde Turner in a bulletin calls attention to figures, "It has been said the 18th. Amendment put 177,000 saloons out of business, and that the 21st. Amendment brought 436,000 saloons in existence." Judge Lee B. Wyatt of Georgia, "It gives me a sickening feeling when I realize there are more bar maids in U. S. than college maids. Dr. Turner raises these questions: "It is right to license a saloon to teach vice and then tax people for schools to teach virtue? Is it right to license a man to make drunken paupers and then tax sober men to take care of them? Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk and then punish the man for being drunk?" Yes, too bad that somebody cannot find an answer.

For every evil under the sun,
There is a remedy or there is none.
If there be one try to find it,
If there be none never mind it."

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Shoe.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

A digest of 35 letters reveal amounts given to major objects, as named below, during the past year, as follows:

Pastors' Salaries	$ 8,122.32
Total to local objects including pastors' salaries	16,166.58
To Co-operative Program	289.49
To All Missions	1,050.90
To Orphanage	1,464.06
Hospital	456.51
All Denominational purposes	3,398.78
Total All Purposes	19,565.36

Respectfully Submitted,
C. E. Echerd
Rom Moose
Howard Teague

Report of committee, on Time, Place and Preacher
Time, Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1942.
Place, Antioch Baptist Church.
Preacher, Rev. J. D. Whisnant
Alternate, Rev. E. C. Shoe.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. P. Smith
R. B. McLeod
W. G. Mayberry.

Program:
Rev. E. V. Bumgarner
A. C. Payne
G. L. Chatham.

NOMINATIONS

Moderator ---------- A. E. Watts
Vice Moderator ---------- Ray Sherrill
Clerk ---------- R. B. McLeod
Treasurer ---------- C. E. Echerd
Historian ---------- C. J. Poole
Messengers to other Associations
Brier Creek ---------- Rev. A. E. Watts
South Yadkin ---------- W. C. Grose
Caldwell ---------- A. C. Payne
Brushy Mountain ---------- C. J. Poole
Southern Baptist Convention ---------- Rev. E. C. Shoe

By motion, the moderator was authorized to appoint an Associational Superintendent for each of the following: Sunday Schools; B. T. U.; W. M. U.; and Vacation Bible School.

A motion carried that the Association make an offering for the Dry Forces of the State, the collection amounted to $14.49.

Dismissed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. Song, "A Charge to Keep I Have"
Devotion by Rev. J. A. Webster.
1:15 P. M. The above officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

The report on the Lord's acre plan, was read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. It was discussed by E. V. Bumgarner, Bro. J. L. Gwaltney, Mrs. T. L. Blalock, Rev. A. E. Watts and adopted.

THE LORD'S ACRE

This committee was appointed to introduce in this Association, what is known as "God's Acre". This plan in brief, is each member is to set aside an acre, known as God's acre, plant it to some money crop, the proceeds of which go into the church treasury in the fall or when crop is sold. This plan where it has been tried out has proven a great success and has added much to the showing made by the church or churches that have engaged in it. We should like very much to see it have a fair test in our Association, and by our next session a splendid report made on "God's Acre".

Respectfully Submitted
E. V. Bumgarner.

The report on Baptist Training Union was read by Miss Cordie Pharr, it was discussed by Miss Virginia Bell Watts and Miss Sarah Alexander and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The new Testament churches are the divinely appointed means for carrying out our Lord's last command to give the whole gospel to the whole world. Today as never before the churches need to gird themselves to the mighty task.

Our greatest need is a better home condition, and this will come in a better church life—a higher order of Christian living among its members. In every church with its own members there is need for enlightenment, enlistment, and enlargement.

In every church there are many places of service requiring trained workers, and in many churches, no one to fill these places. A church member, old or young, needs to be prepared for his individual work. The Baptist Training Union seeks to meet these needs, by training its members in the duties, responsibilities, and privileges of church membership.

The Baptist Training Union's purpose from the beginning has been to magnify Christ and His Church by discovering and developing Christians in a knowledge and ministry of His word, to instill in them true Baptist principles, and instruct them in Baptist doctrine and history.

The Baptist Training Union is a training school for the purpose of training soul-winners, therefore a Baptist Training

Union in a Baptist church stands for the great truth that one of the best ways to win more souls is to train more soul winners.

In this Association of 33 churches there are two or possibly three churches with the Training Union work in their church program, Taylorsville with four unions and an enrollment of 43; Stony Point with four unions and an enrollment of 70. This means there are hunderds of church members in this Association who do not have the opportunities which are afforded in a Baptist Training Union for training its members to make themselves more useful in their church, and to make their church a power for God in the community. Surely out of appreciation of God's goodness to us we should work harder, pray more earnestly, and dedicate ourselves to promote God's Kingdom on earth.

Cordie Pharr

Address by Rev. J. C. Pipes—Subject: "Life Manifests itself in Action."

Miscellaneous.

The Moderator Appointed the following Associational officers:

Associational Sunday School Superintendent W. C. Grose

Associational Director of B. T. U. Mrs. Rom Teague

Associational Supt. for W. M. U. Mrs. Walter Harrington

Associational leader for the Vacation Bible Schools, Rev. E. C. Shoe.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the Holy God, our Heavenly Father, has through riches of grace and tender mercies, brought us safely through another year to our annual Association to review this work and renew our spirits, we therefore offer our gratitude and thanks to Him, and whereas, we are blessed with such fine weather, and all churches represented on the first day of our association, we rejoice and take courage.

Be it resolved:

First. That we thank the committee for the fine program, also the moderator and officers for the fine spirit in which said program was carried out.

Second. That we extend our most hearty thanks to the Pilgrim church and friends who have taken care of our every need during our two days with them, praying God's blessings on them and ourselves as we return to our churches to tell "How great things God hath done for us."

E. C. Shoe
J. A. Icenhour
J. L. Gwaltney, committee.

Song: "God Be With You".

Benediction by Rev. J. D. Whisnant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

March 29, 1941, 10:00 A. M.

The Alexander Sunday School Convention met with Taylorsville church. The choir, led by Rev. Lee James sang "The Haven of Rest" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Devotion by Rev. J. A. Icenhour, read the first Psalm.

10:30 Bro. I. G. Greer, Superintendent of Baptist Orphanago, made a soul stirring talk on "The Relation of the Baptist Sunday Schools of North Carolina to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C."

11:15 A. M. Rev. J. L. Teague who was scheduled to preach the annual sermon, was not present, "The Value of Visitation" was brought up to this hour, Rev. J. D. Whisnant made a splendid talk on this subject.

12:00 Intermission.

The members of Taylorsville church did honor to themselves and to all delegates and visitors, during this hour of refreshments and social entertainment.

1:00 P. M. Miscellaneous.

A program committee for 1942 consisting of Bros. A. C. Payne, Y. Y. Millsaps and Mrs. Rom Teague.

A motion carried to have the next session of the convention meet with Sulphur Springs church on Saturday before the First Fifth Sunday in 1942.

A motion to have a general Sunday School Superintendent for the Association was voted on, Rev. J. D. Whisnant was elected for the post.

Eight churches in the Association at this time requested 100 dozen 1-2 gallon jars be sent from the Orphanage to be filled with produce for the Orphanage.

1:30 P. M. A pleasant and instructive half hour with Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney in "Daily Vacation Bible School" was enjoyed by all present.

2:00 P. M. Bro. T. P. Pruett, Superintendent of Sunday School at the First Baptist church at Hickory, forcefully brought to us his life's work and experience in, "How To Build A Sunday School."

We commend the program committee in arranging this splendid program of inspiring subjects and in bringing to us these spirit filled workers.

Twenty churches were represented at this Convention, let us make it 100 per cent in 1942. Dismissed by Rev. J. A. Webster.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mrs. Richard Jarvis, Mr. Frank Cline, Mrs. Prace Teague, Mr. Roscoe Austin.

Bethany—Deacon E. E. Poole, Mr. James Mitchell, Mrs. Roxana Munday, Mrs. Lou Queen.

Bethel—Mrs. Lou Delia Roberson.

Over

Damascus—Miss Martha McLelland.

Gays Chapel—Mr. H. F. Cloer.

Lebanon—Mrs. Jane Kerley, Mr. John Watts.

Liledoun—Mr. Waitsel Teague, Mrs. Mary Fox.

Little River—Mr. Wiley Jolly, Mrs. Adeline Jolly, Mr. Lee Robinette.

Mt. Herman—Mr. John B. Echerd, Mr. Levi Stine.

Mt. Nebo—Mr. T. Burse Bowers

Mt. Olive—Mrs. Mary Lowe, Mr. L. Foote Davis, Mr. H. S. Deal, Mr. M. K. Deal.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. Thomas Meadows, Miss Adeline Bowles.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Mary Chapman, Mrs. Nancy Reid, Mr. Alden Robinette.

Stony Point—Mr. Sam Rufty.

Sulphur Springs—Mr. James Durmire, Mr. O. M. Lackey, Mr. Vance M. Hendren.

Taylorsville—Deacon, George B. Pennell.

Taylor Springs—Mr. Rannie Hollar.

Three Forks—Mrs. Artie Childers, Mrs. Grace Orren.

White Plains—Deacon, J. G. Blankenship, Mr. A. H. Matheson, Miss Jane Grant, Mrs. Jane Dyson.

THE HISTORY OF PILGRIM CHURCH

Pilgrim church is located in the eastern part of Alexander county near the Wilkes and Iredell county lines. It was organized in the early part of 1837 from an arm of Bethel church. The Presbytery consisted of Rev. John Angel, Rev. Samuel P. Smith, and Rev. E. M. Chaffin.

The charter members were: Howell Barker, Martha Barker, John Redmon, Richard Chaffin, Jonathan McHargue, Ephram Cook, Mary Sprinkle, Elizabeth Sprinkle, Mary Morgan, Sina Cook, Anna Finger, Rhoda McHargue, Behethlin Redmon, Matilda Hardin.

Rev. E. M. Chaffin served as first pastor and was followed by Z. B. Adams, W. J. Chapell, W. M. Poole, T. C. Swain, Jacob Crouch, R. W. Wooten, Y. Jordan, Wm. A. Pool, C. C. Pool, T. Hollar, Wm. A. Myers, J. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney, S. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, J. G. Weatherman, W. T. Comer, J. M. Current, J. G. Horn, N. M. Felts, L. E. Barnes, G. D. White, S. I. Watts and Noah Hayes who is the present pastor.

The following have served as clerks of the church: R. G. Martin, J. H. Younger, L. Millsaps, D. W. Mayberry, J. D. Mayberry, J. M. Querry and Leslie Millsaps who is the present clerk.

TREASURERS REPORT

The following is a report of the funds that have passed through my hands the past year, some of the funds for Foreign Missions have gone direct to the Missionary on the field, and as they should, most of the funds for the Orphanage and Hospital have been sent direct by the church treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Antioch	
Bethany	29.98
Bethel	14.32
Bethlehem	56.70
Beulah	6.56
Concord	4.00
Damascus	37.22
Dover	8.30
E. Taylorsville	
Fair View	23.14
Gays Chapel	5.70
Hiddenite	
Island Ford	1.25
Lebanon	17.00
Liledoun	16.13
Linneys Grove	7.83
Little River	11.00
Macedonia	
Millersville	
Mt Hebron	431
Mt. Herman	21.94
Mt. Nebo	3.73
Mt. Olive	
Pilgrim	16.37
Pleasant Grove	
Pleasant Hill	8.27
Poplar Springs	2.60
Rocky Creek	
Smyrna	
Stony Point	76.00
Sulphur Springs	48.75
Taylorsville	105.90
Taylor Springs	17.09
Three Forks	21.32
White Plains	19.25
Taylorsville Y. W. A.	3.00
Stony Point Y. W. A.	3.00
Taylorsville Ladies Aux.	64.00

Disbursements

1st Quarter to T. L. Blalock	$172.69
2nd Quarter to T. L. Blalock	112.17
3rd. Quarter to T. L. Blalock	149.36
4th Quarter to T. L. Blalock	222.79
Totals	$657.01

Orphanage

Bethlehem	11.39
Mt. Nebo	1.95
Associational collection	27.01
By check to Orphanage	45.85

Hospital

Beulah	6.75
Liledoun	4.25
By check to Hospital	11.00
Minute Fund	$101.22

J. L. Watts, Treasurer.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	DIRECTOR OF TRAINING UNION	Adult Unions	Y. P. Unions	Inter. Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adult Enrollm't	Y. P. Enrollm't	Inter. Enrollm't	Jr. Enrollm't	Total Enrollm't	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in all Unions
East Taylorsville	Fred Brookshire	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	45	15	18	35
Stony Point	Dewey Estes	1	1	1	1	4	12	10	29	19	70	35	55	45
Taylorsville	Chas. E. Echerd	1	1	1	1	4	11	9	10	13	43	6	29	

W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS

Churches	Presidents and Post Office	No. W. M. S.	No. Y. W. A.'s	No. G. A's.	No. R. A's.	No. of Sunbeams	W. M. U. Organ	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A's. Members	R. A's Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Study Course	Contributions (Local Work) By W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) By W. M. U.	Grand Total For All Purposes
Hiddenite	Mrs. T. L. Matlock	1	1				2	26	18				44		$ 72.87	$ 39.67	$112.54
Stony Point	Miss Annie Baker	2	1				3	25	8				33	30	12.00	114.77	126.77
Taylorsville	Mrs. M. R. Ingram	1	1	2	1	1	6	80	17	18	8	5	128	92	136.74	206.41	343.15

Sunday Schools

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND POST OFFICE	Under 3 years	Beginners 3-5 yrs	Primaries 6-8 yrs	Juniors 9-12 yrs.	Inter. 13-16 yrs.	Y. P. 17-24	Adults	Extension Dept	Officers	Total Enrollment	Average	Baptisms From S. S.
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville	7	15	12	20	25	20	60	6	3	168	84	
Bethany	Junior Costner, Pores Knob											50	2
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite		10	8	14	5	6	12			55	35	3
Bethlehem	A. O. Hefner, Granite Falls		14		27	14	18	29		6	108	60	14
Beulah.	Dewey Webster, Taylorsville			15		18	17	18			68		
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point			15		22		20			57	40	
Damascus	C. E. King, Statesville			12	10		24	14		5	65	40	
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	10	10	9	12	15		25			81	50	2
East Taylorsville	L. C. Boston, Taylorsville.			12	12	24	20	20			88	78	10
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite											50	10
Gays Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville		16			14	22	26			78	53	4
Hiddenite	Y. Y. Millsaps, Hiddenite		8	8	11	17	13	54	4	3	133	77	5
Lebanon	Edgar Bumgarner, Taylorsville												
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson, Taylorsville		28	22		30		20			100	68	
Linneys Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite			13	12	14	10	27			76	50	1
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville		12		18	12	18				60		
Macedonia	Ray Icenhour, Taylorsville										60	45	
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville		12	6	8	10	16	12			64	36	6
Mt. Hebron	Carl Deal, Pores Knob												
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	15	14	23	22	43	29	12		7	165	105	8
Mt. Olive	Seth Deal, Pores Knob												
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	12	14	15	16	14	22	45			140	80	4
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville			12	12			33		7	64	38	3
Pleasant Hill	Howard Deal, Taylorsville										149	58	8
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville	1	4	12	10		18	20			65	42	5
Rocky Creek	John Frazier, Pores Knob			5				17			22	21	
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover		5	10	20	20		16		2	73	37	6
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville	5	15	20	27	25	30	35		13	220	163	22
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite		10	20	18	23	25	23		11	130	89	12
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	9	25	21	41	54	35	103		3	291	144	
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmond, New Hope		14		18	9	14	21			76	53	

Gifts for Missions

CHURCHES	TREASURER AND POST OFFICE	Ass'n. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Other Causes	Totals
Antioch	Earl Cline, Taylorsville	30.60		3.06	9.75	30.71	23.60	5.55	103.27
Bethany					43.91	43.85	3.85		91.59
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite				10.76	7.00	6.25		24.01
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls				41.45	22.96	10.00		74.31
Beulah									
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	181.85			4.00	4.00			189.85
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, R. 2				92.27	21.13	18.71		132.11
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville				8.30	120.35	34.70		163.35
E. Taylorsville	Fred Brookshire, Taylorsville				13.41	36.00	16.00		65.41
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite				23.14	47.21	12.75		83.10
Gays Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville, R. 1				22.88	5.45			28.33
Hiddenite	J. A. Adams, Hiddenite	83.54				143.37	17.88	45.42	290.21
Island Ford					1.25				1.25
Lebanon	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville				27.50	27.00			54.50
Liledoun					16.38	38.23	4.55	26.14	85.30
Linneys Grove					7.85	14.50	4.50		26.85
Little River	Mrs. T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville				11.00		9.00		20.00
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville					25.00	3.00		28.00
Millersville	Purvie Fox, Taylorsville								
Mt. Hebron					10.93	39.00			49.93
Mt. Herman					19.29	7.25	9.85		36.39
Mt. Nebo					3.82	10.95			14.77
Mt. Olive	Seth Deal, Pores Knob					150.00			150.00
Pilgrim	Mrs. Leslie Millsaps, New Hope				25.00	75.00	35.00		135.00
Pleasant Hill	J. L. Childers, Stony Point				112.44	27.00	26.93		166.37
Pleasant Grove	J. Z. Harrington, Taylorsville				8.27	11.02	6.43		25.72
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville					36.00			36.00
Rocky Creek									
Smyrna	J. W. Perkins, Conover R. 1	7.14	3.50	3.00	3.00	14.25	5.25		36.14
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville R. 6	86.73	13.60	13.60	139.39	197.39	50.99	119.80	621.79
Sulphur Springs	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite				57.54	70.66	4.45		132.65
Taylorsville	J. L. Watts, Taylorsville	81.48	35.81	8.30	192.15	183.59	68.36	49.82	619.51
Taylor Springs					23.24	16.30	6.25		45.79
Three Forks					19.27	9.00	15.00		43.27

Gifts for Local Church Work

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Ministeral Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature: S. S., B.Y.P.U. & W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Minute Fund	
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	$173.00	$35.00	$2395.64	$22.60	$ 40.00	$	$ 2.25	$13.00 $2786.76
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	146.80	26.50					3.25	173.33
Bethel	E. F. Milsaps, Hiddenite, Rt. 1	101.30	39.10					2.00	142.40
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	481.75	45.00		49.64	46.12	7.88	2.15	3.65 636.10
Beulah	R. C. Payne, Taylorsville	75.00	40.00					1.00	115.00
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	155.80	12.00		3.00	10.00		1.05	181.85
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2	226.35	52.25		12.00	23.08		3.00	61.20 377.88
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	114.30	26.15			10.00		2.00	152.45
E. Taylorsville	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville	310.00	35.00	61.64		21.77		2.10	430.41
Fair View	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite, Rt. 1	204.75	43.50		9.67	18.36		5.35	7.77 289.40
Gays Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville, Rt. 1	69.75	157.80		11.61	6.64		85	276.74
Hiddenite	R. G. Goodin, Hiddenite	586.95	43.21	16.00	53.26	53.30		4.00	77.93 834.85
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville, Rt. 6	23.86	7.00	13.05	16.75			1.15	91.81
Lebanon	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	225.00	53.00		15.00			1.50	306.00
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson, Taylorsville	225.55	42.00			23.73		2.25	293.53
Linneys Grove	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite	193.65	36.00		9.60			2.25	241.40
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	204.54	53.00	1000.00	21.60		5.00	2.00	1284.14
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	210.83	48.30		6.00	10.00		2.00	277.13
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville	144.73	22.00	142.45	10.00	22.83		1.35	74.45 427.81
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	92.69	17.28					75	110.72
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	254.75	46.00		72.05	38.96		2.15	413.91
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	170.00	16.54						186.54
Mt. Olive	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	173.00	41.50		17.50	26.29		1.50	259.79
Pilgrim	Leslie Milsaps, New Hope	300.00	45.10	150.00	28.57			5.00	32.00 460.67
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	280.00	40.25		60	14.72		2.20	37.35 385.27
Pleasant Hill	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	70.00	25.00			30.57		2.50	128.07
Poplar Springs	Mrs. G. Rogers, Taylorsville	149.05	30.00	120.00	3.00	8.00	20.00	1.73	330.05
Rocky Creek	John Frazier, Pores Knob	55.40	14.25		.25			3.00	72.90
Smyrna	J. S. Teague, Taylorsville	105.87	27.28	11.25	7.15	35.04		1.50	188.09
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt. 6	938.34	75.04	168.29		132.81.	3.63	6.00	12.22 1339.31
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	298.44	50.30		16.00	31.67		4.45	14.50 316.36
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	705.97	68.65	150.89	125.06	166.43	9.70	8.10	358.56 1593.36
Taylor Springs	Kenneth Redmond, New Hope	166.00	57.00		21.75	7.38		5.00	257.13
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville								

Church Memberships

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	When Constituted	Days of Meeting	Memb'ships. Rec'd. to Last Year	Baptisms	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Statem't.	Restorations	Dism'sd. by Letter	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Membership
Antioch	S. A. Stroup, Granite Falls	1823	2-4	323	14	5			1			4	337
Bethany	Chas. J. Poole, Pores Knob	1892	3	197	4	2		2	9			4	192
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1800	3	203	3			1	2			1	204
Bethlehem	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1888	1-3	297	14	2	1		2			1	311
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville		1-3	50	3				1				52
Concord	Lee A. James, Taylorsville	1852	1-3	171		1			6				166
Damascus	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1839	2	187		1			2		1	1	184
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1833	4	243	8	1			5			3	244
E. Taylorsville	Marce Baker, Lincoln	1924	1-3	201	13	4			2			2	214
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5	1922	3	144	12								156
Gays Chapel	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1885	3	96	6				1			1	102
Hiddenite	J. D. Whisnant, Stony Point	1915	1-3-4	124	7	3			11				123
Island Ford	J. B. Snow, Statesville, Rt. 5		1	38		2							40
Lebanon	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	1-3-4	72	3				2		2	2	69
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1906	1-4	212	6				4			2	212
Linneys Grove	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1895	4	126	1				3				124
Little River	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1792	1	110	14	1			1			3	121
Macedonia	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1855	1	130	7	2			1				138
Millersville	W. O. Johnson Taylorsville	1923	2-4	77	6	1							84
Mt. Hebron	W. O. Johnson Taylorsville	1915	4	157	3			1	2				159
Mt. Herman	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1912	2-4	260	11	6			1			2	274
Mt. Nebo	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1907	2-4	84					1			1	82
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1865	1-3	171	5				2			4	170
Pilgrim	W. N. Hays, N. Wilkesboro	1837	1-3	241	6	2			2	1			246
Pleasant Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5	1900	2	136	4				3				139
Pleasant Hill	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1852	3	181	10				2			2	187
Poplar Springs	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	1872	1	179	6				2			3	180
Rocky Creek	J. W. Eldreath. Jefferson	1940	4	11	1	7				2			17
Smyrna	J. L. Teague, Hickory, Rt. 2	1923	1-3	90	8	3			4				97
Stony Point	J. D. Whisnant, Stony Point	1909	1 2 3 4	298	22	15			4		2		328
Sulphur Springs	G. D. White. Statesville, Rt. 5	1867	3	172	17	6			4			3	189
Taylorsville	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	1851	1 2 3 4	417		6			14		3	1	405
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5	1852	1	264	6							1	269

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WEDNESDAY, FIRST DAY, OCTOBER 7, 1942

Proceedings

10:00 a. m. The fifty-fifth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association was opened by singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name".

Devotion by Rev. Luther Hollar.

New pastors of the Association was recognized by the Moderator, viz. Rev. Carter of Smyrna, and Rev. Rogers Gwaltney of Mt. Herman, and Rev. Mayberry, patsor of Rhode-Hiss Baptist church was welcomed by the Moderator as a visitor to the association.

Roll Call of churches and the following reported:

Antioch—W. R. Austin, W. J. Caldwell, and Jay Hollar.

Bethany—C. J. Hendren, A. E. Moore, and Roy Hayes.

Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, Clay Barnett, and S. C. Campbell.

Bethlehem—R. Lee Teague, T. B. Wagoner, and Fred Davis.

Beulah—Miss Ollie Steele, James Lail, and Lemuel Ramsey.

Concord—N. R. Martin, C. O. Little and Lester Fox.

Damascus—C. E. King, W. J. Page, and A. A. Leach.

Dover—R. A. Pennell, Richard White and Byrd Pennell.

East Taylorsville—Ethel Brookshire, Mrs. Butler Chapman, and Fred Brookshire.

Gays Chapel—W. G. Ellis, G. S. Deal and A. D. McIntyre.

Hiddenite—Mrs. Mack Kerley, Mrs. Ethel Pedings and Willie Goble, Jr.

Island Ford—J. H. Eyers, Mrs. J. H. Byers, and Ross Johnson.

Lebanon

Liledoun—Clyde Robinson, Mack Little, S. W. Teague.

Linneys Grove—W. F. McLain, J. F. Bowles, J. E. Tedder.

Little River—Lindsay Brown, Connolly Brown, David Chapman.

Macedonia—W. P. Smith, J. M. Stikeleather, D. A. Carrigan.

Millersville—J. B. Thompson, Pervie Fox, Willie Crouch.

Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Gaither Wike, Ray Clanton.

Mt. Herman—Mrs. P. E. Johnson, Mrs. Herman Kerley, L. C. Echerd.

Mt. Nebo—J. R. Burgess, Lex Hammer, J. P. Steele.

Pilgrim—Leslie C. Millsaps, M. M. Cockey, W. G. Mayberry.

Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, J. A. Hager, Q. M. Teague.

Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, J. Z. Harrington.
Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Carter Land, Butler Bumgarner.
Smyrna—John S. Teague, Q. L. Teryl, and Fred Teague.
Stony Point—W. C. Grose, S. N. Honeycutt, Miss Cordia Pharr.
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, John Teague, Jay Lackey.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, W. W. Harrington, C. E. Echerd.
Taylor Springs—Boss Mayberry, Clyde Jordan, Kenneth Redmon.
Three Forks—J. M. Walker, S. W. Rogers, Robert Herman.
White Plains—R. M. Grant, J. A. Robinette, R. L. Grant.
The morning session of the Association was represented by 23 preachers.

An invitation was given for new churches to join the association and Oxford Memorial Baptist church presented their application. A committee consisting of Bro. A. C. Payne, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, and Rev. E. C. Shoe were appointed to investigate the same. The report was favorable and the church was accepted as member of the Association and messengers were enrolled.

Report on Religious Outlook and Responsibility of the churches in the Alexander Baptist Association was read by Rev. S. I. Watts, was discussed by S. I. Watts and adopted.

RELIGIOUS OUTLOOK AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCHES IN THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Religious Outlook. There is a seriousness among our people that we hope will eventually lead us all to a closer walk with God. We believe the present world condition will bring us nearer or drive us farther away, in view of this fact Christianity is forced with multiplied opportunties, consequently the churches of this and all associations have never had greater responsibilities than now.

We must carry the message of life to a troubled and dying world. The salvation of the world is and ever has been the greatest issue of all times. This is voiced by the Prophets of all ages. The great command to go and preach the gospel to every creature as given by our Lord should be first and greatest concern, not only should the church be highly Evangelistic in all her teaching but we, as Christians, in a world of war and hate should strive to keep alive the spirit of love, which after all is the dividing line between the church and the world.

Second: The churches have a great responsibility in dealing with the moral issue of our day, drinking and gambling with other associating evils are making inroads into the very vitals of our church life. It is the duty of the church to establish a moral standard of life. This we can do by teaching and preaching the things that are right. May God help us to carry on in the Master's name.

Respectfully submitted,
S. I. Watts.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominations—Y. Y. Millsaps, Mrs. Rom Teague, C. J. Hendren.

Time, Place and Preacher—W. P. Smith and R. B. McLeod and W. J. Caldwell.

Program—A. C. Payne, E. V. Bumgarner and E. C. Shoe.

Digest of Church Letters—Charles E. Echerd, Fred Brookshire and J. S. Stevenson.

Resolutions—Ray Sherrill, Mrs. Roy Rogers, and S. F. Cook.

Associational Sunday School Superintendent—Y. Y. Millsaps.

Associational Director of the Baptist Training Union—Mrs. Rom Teague.

Associations Superintendent of the W. M. U.—Mrs. Walter Harrington.

Associational Leader for the Vacation Bible School—Miss Lucy Echerd.

Report on Our Hospital at Winston-Salem was read by Y. Y. Millsaps, was discussed by Y. Y. Millsaps and Parker and adopted.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The last three years have been eventful in the expansion of the hospital. Three years ago the hospital had a bed capacity of 100 and by overcrowding, were caring for about 4,000 patients per year.

Today, we have modernly constructed and equipped the hospital with a bed capacity of almost 10,000 patients annually, and now caring for about 650 patients per month. Owing to a shortage of nurses caused by war conditions, the hospital has been unable to open a few rooms.

We shall have this year not less than 2,000 service or free patients. This will represent, including hospital and medical service, about $250,000 in free service for this year.

The hospital has a staff of 26 internes and about 100 doctors practicing in the hospital. In addition, it has the free service of the entire staff of the Medical School whenever desired for consultation and diagnosis. Every department is thoroughly organized to give most efficient service possible.

The equipment as well as the building, is entirely modern. The hospital recently added $20,000 worth of new instruments to the operating rooms and $44,000 worth of new X-Ray equipment, making an X-Ray department "None better in the South."

The hospital in conjunction with the Medical School, has a floor space of four acres and represents a value to the denomination of $2,000,000 with only a very small indebtedness.

The purpose of the hospital shall remain as ever—to give hospital treatment to those who are unable to pay for same, educate nurses with Christian ideals, and at the same time maintain a standard of scientific efficiency "second to none in the country". It is the abiding purpose of the management that it shall be definitely a Christian Institution with all that it implies.

This greatly expanded service which is growing more and more into every section of the state, of course, requires an increased support. This, we are glad to say, is growing year by year. In addition to the Mother's Day offering by the churches and Sunday Schools, which has increased in the last few years from $11,500 to about $33,000 this year, the hospital linens contributed by the W. M. U's and other church agencies has increased year by year.

Some of the churches of the Alexander Association contributed $150.00 during the past year to furnish a room in the Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
Y. Y. Millsaps.

Miscellaneous:

The Moderator stated that eighteen churches of the Association had contributed $302.05 to aid Bro. Perry in his Mission work among the soldier boys at Fort Bragg, and also urged that the work would continue that many of the boys that go into battle without Christ would never return.

A resolution relative to changing the number of days or time of meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association was offered by Bro. A. C. Payne. A committee consisting of Bro. W. P. Smith, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and Rev. E. C. Shoe, was appointed to investigate or study the resolution and report on the morrow.

11:45 A. M. Annual sermon by Rev. E. C. Shoe. Text: Matt 12: 33 to 42, Theme; God's challenge for a great life.

12:25 Intermission.

1:30 P. M. Devotion by Rev. Charles J. Pool.

The report on W. M. U. was discussed by Mrs. W. W. Harrington and Rev. S. A. Stroupe and adopted.

Associational W. M. U. report.

Organization:

	Taylorsville	Hiddenite	Stony Point	Antioch	Total
W. M. U.	1	1	1	1	4
W. M. S.	5	1	1	1	8
Y. W. A	1	1			2
Int. G. A.	1				1
Juniors	1				1
Sunbeam	1				1

Financial Report of W. M. U., Y. W. A. and G. A. S.

	Taylorsville	Hiddenite	Stony Point	Antioch	Totals
100,00	$29.00		$21.00		$50.00
Native Mission	40.00	24.00	12.00		76.00
Ann Armstrong	20.35		15.01		35.36
Heck Memorial	13.50		1.00		14.50
Lottie Moon	33.05	10.00	23.15.		66.20
Personal Service	44.62		3.00		47.62
Hospital	40.00	26.67	51.00		117.67
White Cross	50.38	8.52	4.00		62.90
Orphanage	23.25	12.82			36.07
Can Goods	20.25				20.25
State Missions	2.00		13.50		15.50
Rev. Perry at FB	38.00				15.00
Red Cross	15.00				15.00
W. M. U. Ex. Fund			2.00		2 00
W. M. U. Train.			2.00		2.00
Other Causes	18.00	22.00			40 88
Totals	387.40	104.89	147.71		640.00

Contributions to Hospital Room Sponsored by the W. M. U. of Alexander Association a total of $157.27.

The Report on Orphanage was read by Rev. S. A. Stroupe, was discussed by J. N. McCillian and adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The problem of the broken home and the welfare of the helpless little one is peculiarly the problem of the Christian. Some North Carolina Baptist early recognized the fact that the Christian Men and Women had a special responsibility to minister to these little ones, and was for many years among the leaders in what was known as work among the Orphans. But all the while pioneering souls realized that providing food was not enough. They realized that when the Home was broken it was incumbent upon them that loved Him to place the children of such homes in an environment as nearly like a Christian home as possible.

Out of this realization of our obligation has been built one of the truly great institutions in North Carolina "Our Baptist Orphanage".

We in the Alexander Association are Proud of what has been done for the unfortunate little ones. We are glad that we can have a part in this great work. We realize that our past has been small. But the records of the past has been made, and no matter how we may feel about the little we have done, we cannot retrace our steps. Those years are past, but we have the years before us, we can make them what we will. Every Baptist doing his or her part. Every church at least making a worthy offering once a month, to do less would be unworthy.

I could give a mass of statistics covering the number of children cared for and the cost but sufficient will it be to say that, that the average cost of running the Orphanage is about $500 per day. They receive on an average of forty-five applications per month, many of which have to be turned away for lack of room. This places upon every Sunday School and church a responsibility they cannot afford to shun.

S. A. Stroup

The Report on Missions was discussed by Rev. Rogers Gwaltney. The Report to be filed later.

MISSIONS

When Jesus had come to the end of his earthly career and was ready to give the "Go and Do" command for time and eternity, He, according to the writer Matthew, directed the disciples to go into a mountain. The mountain-top religious experience was paramount in the life of Jesus. Jesus wanted the disciples to have the right perspective of attitude when he gave the Great Commission. He wanted them to have the mind of the Heavenly Father. Under these superspiritual experiences some are said to have doubted Jesus. Others of the disciples believed.

This was a crucial hour in the life of our Lord. Let us hear Him. "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Even though others had little faith in Jesus, our Lord was not dampened in spirit, nor was his mind the least bit cloudy. All was clear as the noonday sun and as lucid as sparkling water. Jesus was sold on the worthwhileness of his cause, and he had great faith in the faltering, unbelieving humanity upon which his mission depended.

As we hear the command of our Lord there are three questions which we should consider very seriously.

First. Who is commanded to go? We may safely assume that Jesus was and is speaking to those who are known as his disciples or followers. All who have been redeemed in His saving blood and have obediently followed Him in emersion are duty-bound to go, to preach and to teach in His name. We who cannot go in person can send others.

Second. Where shall we go. "Go ye therefore, teach all nations." We have not completed our work. There is great work to do on the home front, and many nations to conquor for God in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us be about our Father's business for the night cometh when no man worketh.

Third. When shall we Go and Do? There is only one time that we can go and act for the sake of Jesus. This time is the present. The disciples waited for only one thing and that was their obedience to the command to tarry in Jerusalem for the power and witness of the Holy Spirit. Let us

pray for a renewal of the vision with sufficient preparation mentally and spiritually. Let us pray for a renewal of the vision with sufficient preparation mentally and spiritually. Let us pray for the mind of Christ and then prove ourselves workmen that have no need of shame in performing these missionary duties whereunto we have been called.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogers C. Gwaltney.

The Report on the Alcohol Problem was read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, was discussed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and Bro. A .C. Payne and was adopted.

THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM

We doubt very much if another subject will come before this body that so vitally affects the lives and fortunes of so many of our people as the Alcohol Problem. Since it was legalized its manufacture and sale as well as its deadly effects has grown by leaps and bounds. Today its consumption is staggering. In 1937 1,918,775,244 gallons were consumed. or 15 gallons for every man, woman and child in the United States. Later figures will show a decided increase over these figures. The nations drink bill from 1933 to 1937 amounted to nearrly twelve and one half billion dollars or about one hundred dollars per capita during this period. But if all the cost of this colossal evil could be summed up in dollars and cents it would not be half so bad. It not only costs in money, but in misery and morals, health and happiness, crime and manhood. This evil is a cancer on the political, economic, social, moral and spiritual life of our country, eating and feasting upon its very vitals. What the outcome will be it takes no prophet to foresee. Complaints are coming from every side of the drunkness in our training centers. Can we win in this indescribable halocosal of war with a drunken soldiery? No.

Many a battle has been lost by the paralizing effect of alcohol but never have been won by it. We sincerely believe the U. S. will have to sober up before the dove of peace hovers again over her fair domains.

This staggering lust in money and manhood, morals and misery, health and happiness has not to our knowledge built an orphanage for the fatherless or a hospital for the sick or a church for the lost or a school for the ignorant. But on the

other hand it is breaking hearts wrecking homes, destroying happiness, sapping health, undermining morals and leaving its deadly and disabolical effect all on our fair land from Maine to California and from the Gulf to Canada.

That is the alcohol problem. What are we to do about it? Just passively submit? We your committee suggest:

First: Work and pray against it from day to day and from week to week until this evil is driven from our shores.

Second: Vote aganist it. Place men in office we know are opposed to its manufacture and sale.

Third: Bring pressure to bear on our present Congress and Preisdent to rid our camps and country of this worst of saboteurs.

God of our fathers smite us
We have forgot, we have forgot.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner

On motion of Bro. Quez Fry, the report is to be sent to the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children for publication.

Dismissed until Thursday at 10:00 A. M.

THURSDAY, SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 8, 1942

10:00 A. M. Devotion by Rev. J. A. Webster.

10:15 A. M. The subject, "China of Today". Bro. T. L. Blalock our missionary there, who was to report on the subject was not able to be present. He sent a letter to the Association which was read by Bro. A. C. Payne.

The resolution offered yesterday by Bro. A. C. Payne, Rev. E. C. Shoe reported favorable for the committee, and explained as the committee saw it. On motion of Bro. Quez Fry the resolution was adopted, as follows:

RESOLUTION

Realizing that we are in the throws of a world conflict, which will bring about many vital changes, perhaps a new world order, and realizing that our churches will face new opportunities and greater responsibilities in this new order, we therefore, should "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes," Isaiah 54: 2. We should lengthen and strengthen the work of all our churches to meet such conditions. We need to encourage one another in the Lord, we need to help each other by precept and example, we need to develop more workers in our

local churches, we need to get ready for a World-Task, Baptists need, now as never before, to Walk and Work together with God—we need to do what Paul said, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong," 1 Cor. 16: 13..

The fact that many of our churches could not accommodate the Annual Association and, therefore, miss the fellowship and information and inspiration of such meetings, and the fact that the second day of the Association, as a rule, is not so widely attended, therefore, it would seem wise to consider some plan whereby we might get into all the churches with an effort to help and to be helped concerning the whole program of our Lord. As individuals are used of the Lord to strengthen individuals, so churches may be used to strengthen churches, such was true in the early days of the New Testament Churches; should it not be true in our day? Here is a suggestion as to how we might reach more churches and more people in our Association: Instead of having a two-day session, we could have it in four parts—Thus:

1. One meeting in January (perhaps on a Sunday afternoon) at which time the program would deal largely with the work of the Sunday Schools.

2. One meeting in April (perhaps on a Sunday afternoon) at which time the program would deal largely with the work of Training (B. T. U.)

3. One meeting in July (perhaps on a Sunday afternoon) at which time the program would deal largely with the work of Missions (W. M. U.)

4. One meeting in October (Annual Association) A GREATER DAY FOR THE LORD (Arrange the program for one day and night session) It is believed that the delegates could be persuaded to stay for the whole program. Let the night session be more inspirational; urge the delegates to carry information and inspiration back to their local churches.

NOTE: In this way every church could have one of these meetings, and in nine years the Association could get into every church, thus sharing and receiving the blessings of the Lord.

The Commission and the Command of our Lord was, and is, to the church. We are His servants THROUGH the churches to the ends of the earth. Paul's Letters, for the most part were to the churches. Let us rethink our task and the work of the Kingdom in the light of the churches.

"O Living Church, thine errand speed, fulfill thy task sublime, with bread of Life earth's hunger feed, redeem this evil time."

On motion of Rev. S. A. Stroupe, time and place of these meeting to be left to the Executive and Program Committees. The motion carried.

Fair View church was enrolled with messengers—J. W. Querry, F. H. Fox and W. C. Lowe.

Report on "A New Testament Church was discussed by Rev. E. C. Shoe.

By Motion of Bro. E. V. Bumgarner that Rev. Shoe prepare his report and give it to the clerk, so that it may be in the minutes.

Reports of Special Committees.
Digest of Church Letters by C. E. Echerd.
Time, place, and preacher by R. B. McLeod.
Time, Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1943.
Place—Damascus Baptist church.
Preacher—Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.
Alternate—Rev. Rogers Gwaltney

Nominations:

Report of Nomination Committee
Moderator: A. E. Watts
Vice Moderator: Ray Sherrill
Clerk: R. B. McLeod.
Treasurer: C. E. Echerd
Historian: Chas. Pool
Messengers to other associations:
Brier Creek: L. T. Younger
Brushy Mountain: C. J. Pool
South Yadkin: W. C. Grose
Caldwell: A. C. Payne.

Respectfully submitted,

Yates Millsaps
Mrs. Rom Teague
C. J. Hendren

By motion of Bro. M. A. Adams, the Association voted that Rev. Shoe put his message in print at an early date and have published in the Biblical Recorder.

The following visitors were recognized by the Moderator, M. O. Alexander of Raleigh, Rev. Baucom of Statesville and Rev. Grover Teague.

By motion of Bro. A. C. Payne that there be an expense fund to help the Moderator in his work was left over until the afternoon.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. Devotion by Rev. W. O. Johnson

The motion made by Bro. Payne was taken up and discussed. By motion of Rev. E. C. Shoe that each church send three cents per member would raise a sufficient amount. By motion of Bro. C. E. Echerd and carried that Bro. A. C. Payne, Rev. E. C. Shoe, and R. B. McLeod as a committee draft a letter and send to each pastor and each Sunday School Superintendent that the churches may be informed of the same.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Moderator: A. E. Watts.
Vice-Moderator: Ray Sherrill
Clerk: R. B. McLeod.
Treasurer: C. E. Echerd
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Caldwell: A. C. Payne

A report on B. T. U. was read by Mrs. Rom Teague and was discussed by Mrs. Teague, Miss Cordia Pharr and Mrs. J. D. Whisnant and was adopted.

Inspirational Message by Rev. M. O. Alexander. His theme was "Our Duty Towards God."

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, for the Program Committee, reported that.

B. T. U. meet in January.
Sunday School in April.
W. M. U. in July and Association in October.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the people of Antioch for their hospitality during the two days the Association was in session.

By motion, the Association was adjourned until Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1943.

The Association was dismissed by Rev. Grover Teague.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mr. G. C. Keller, Mrs. Wesley Munday, Mrs. Mary Ann Keller.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Mamie Fox Hall.

Beulah—Mr. Clyde Payne.

Concord—Mrs. Ida Parker, Miss Nancy Pool, Mrs. C. O. Little, Mrs. Rebecca Pierce, Miss Dessie Stewart. Mr. J. D. Fox.

East Taylorsville—Mr. T. J. Fortner (deacon) Mrs. Nettie Wilcox.

Hiddenite—Rev. D. W. Pool, Mrs. Rebecca Warren.

Liledoun—Mr. Sam Fox.

Linneys Grove—Mrs. Zettie Gwaltney.

Mt. Herman—Mr. J. Columbus Johnson (deacon).

Mt. Nebo.—Mr. L. B. Smith, Miss Pearlie Thomas.

Pilgrim—Mrs. Lillie Querry, Mrs. Faye Bustle, Mrs. Nora Brewer.

Pleasant Grove—Miss Cora Teague, Mr. W. W. Goforth.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. J. Marion Childers, Mr. Hartwell Bentley, Mr. Frank Gwaltney, Mrs. Rhoda Wike, Mrs. Nancy Katherine Daniels.

Poplar Springs—Mr. J. N. Poole, Mr. Nathan Barnes.

Taylorsville—Mr. Rowland Echerd, Mr. W. C. Thompson, Sr., Mr. C. M. Coleman.

Taylor Springs—Mrs. Sadie Eader McDaniels.

Three Forks—Mr. T. R. Watts, Miss Linnie Oxford.

A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

—Report—

Much confusion is in evidence about the church today, both inside and outside. Take a look at titles—"Church of God" . . . . "Church of Christ" . . . .or listen to people talk. My church this . . . my church that . . . or my belief and interpretation . . . so and so—such individuals overlook the fact that no scripture is of private interpretation (II Peter 1: 20). What is the church, its mission, its work, its life, its message? Can we know, do we want to know, and does it matter? The answer is YES. How then shall we go about it, and who shall decide?

Our opinions may differ—we be individuals, our differences may be opinions—we be Christians. We must go deeper than opinions and differences, even to the ROCK FOUNDATION, CHRIST. Christians must have the MIND of CHRIST,

and and the SPIRIT of Christ according to Paul. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2: 5). "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8: 9). All churches cannot be New Testament churches, since some have their beginning in the revolve around certain individuals, who have neither the MIND nor the SPIRIT of Christ. Listen again to Paul, "Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife" (Phil. 1: 15).

Click and isms do not make up the BODY of Christ—they disrupt it. False teachers and false preachers were busy in Paul's day, and since his day and even now, trying to divide and destroy the New Testament Way of Life, the church. They taught and preached things different—"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Col. 2: 8). The church is in the world (where Christ meant for it to be) but the world should not be in in the church—the philosophy and rudiments of the world would destroy it. "Come out . . . and be ye separate." Formalism, "Soup-kitchens", "rummage sales", "bizarres", etc.—such things are of the world, but the church is of Christ, and New Testament Church is something very different from many organizations called "churches" in our day. What is a New Testament church, its life and work, its mission and message, its method of operation and proclamation and support? Dare anyone answer these questions without looking in his New Testament? A family of Johnsons may be scattered in many parts of the world, but there are family traits, characteristics, mannerisms ,speech and behavior, which are traceable to the parent family—so it is with the New Testament Church. Let the New Testament answer "my church" question.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

We live in an age of training, a world of training. As never before the times demand trained leaders, trained forces. Nations are plunged in mortal combat, the outcome of which will depend largely on trained forces and super-abundance of supplies. The cost is not to be considered. Take this for an example: it costs our government $40,000 to prepare one young man for a certain branch of service; then add to that

figure $60,000. (the approximate cost of killing one man. Do we not hear the challenge of the Master, "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost"—the lost man and the lost dollars.

The call that is heard around the world is for "Trained People", trained doctors, trained nurses, trained fighters, trained business men, trained servants, trained lawyers, trained school teachers, trained athletes—yet, the church seems to say, "Leave me alone, I am trying to hold my own." Can the church play dumb in such an hour, can it hold its own in such a world—the answer is NO! Before Jesus commissioned and commanded the church He trained its leaders, "taught them" and showed them—it was a tedious task, "precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little"—then he said to the church, "teaching them to observe all things."

We hear Paul saying, "Study to show thyself approved, preach the Word, let all things be done decently and in order" all this requires training. Will the church see her opportunity, can she meet her own needs? Many good people are ready and willing to do more for their Lord but the cry is this, "I am not prepared," Why are they not prepared." has the church failed them, have they been neglected? Every institution is responsible for its own leaders to carry on its own work, the kind of leaders it offers to the world—how does the church measure up at this point?

The Baptist Training Union seeks to fulfill this need. The school of experience is the best school, and one of the mottoes of the B. T. U. is, "We learn by doing," and again, "We study that we may serve." Many of our Christian Statesmen are products of the B. T. U. Sin brings darkness, the Word of God gives light—will the church have light for the night just ahead? May God grant us light for the morning we long so much to see: the morning of Peace, the morning of good-will, the morning of righteousness, the morning of freedom the, morning of hope! "Send forth thy light."

The church seeks to win the lost, such is the aim and purpose of the B. T. U. If the church would grow it must know; the Training Union seeks to know in order to grow—"grow in grace and knowledge" Through witnessing the Training Union of East Taylorsville church, eleven souls were saved. We speak of saved people as the Lord's army; let's help them to know and to grow.

We have six training unions in our association, Stony Point, East Taylorsville, Beulah, Concord, Taylorsville, and Antioch, Concord is the youngest, being organized this summer; in attendance its record is 99 per cent. Attention is called to Stony Point. Novada Cashion won first place in N. C. Sword Drill, Ruth Cottrell and Jo Alexander first place in N. C. Jr. Bible Drill. In these Unions we have them from from the Story Hour and up—yes, adults, deacons, S. S. teachers, superintendents, W. M. U. leaders—in all about 240. We ought to have more enrolled in these six churches, and we ought to have more churches in the association with Training Unions. Will the churches aim at a greater mark—"Workmen that needeth not to be ashemed"?

"My Father used to mark upon the wall
The way we added inches year by year;
I wish my growth in wisdom might appear
As steady, and as visible to all!

But most of all, I long for Him to see,
Who holds the tally in His pierced hand,
That I have grown in grace and goodness, and
Likeness to Him who shows such grace to me.

Alas. The mark can only give to each
His proper reckoning. Enough to know
That in Christ's life our little lives may grow
Until His perfect stature we shall reach."

By Ruby Weyburn Tobias

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Rom Teague.

The Alexander Associational Sunday School Convention met with Sulphur Springs church, Saturday, March 28, 1942.

The convention was well attended and the discussions were excellent. Sermon by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, text, Psalms 8:4. Address of the day was made by Prof. Ward Guy of Statesville, subject "The Sunday School", a timely and inspiring address, appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The next session of the convention will be held with Three Forks Baptist church. The date to be set later.

We have not a full report of the convention, as the Clerk lost his records.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

A digest of 36 letters reveal amounts given to major objects, as named below, during the past year, as follows:

Pastors' Salaries	$10,030.66
Total to Local Objects, including pastors' salaries	18,583.09
Co-operative program	299.05
All Missions	1,346.96
Orphanage	1,511.95
Hospital	683.43
All Denominational purposes	4,427.18
Total All Purposes	23,010.27
Minute Fund	112.50
Baptisms for last year	248.00

Respectfully submitted

Chas E. Echerd, Chm.

Treasurer's Report

The following is a report of the funds that have passed through my hands the past year.—Chas. E. Echerd, treasurer

CHURCHES	Minute Fund	T. L. Blalock	Edwin F. Perry	Baptist Hospital	Orphanage	Native Chinese Missionary	Co-operative Program	Fore-Runner Linotpye
Antioch	$ 4.00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Bethany	2.85	30.16	15.41					
Bethel	2.15		8.02					
Bethlehem	8.00	15.59	53.31					3.55
Beulah	2.00	5.00	23.43	20.14	15.00		5.00	
Concord	1.00		15.50					
Damascus	2.50	65.52	16.01					
Dover	1.75							
E. Taylorsville	2.00	4.00	17.00					
Fair View	4.65	21.79						
Gays Chapel	1.40	5.45	4.00					
Hiddenite	5.00					18.00	12.70	
Island Ford	3.00							
Lebanon	3.00		9.00					
Liledoun	2.70	13.40	7.00	9.00	23.00			
Linneys Grove	2.00							
Little River	2.30		23.00					
Macedonia	3.00	6.73						
Millersville	2.50							
Mt. Hebron	1.80	3.80						
Mt. Herman	3.20	12.72	11.65					
Mt. Nebo	1.50		8.00					
Mt. Olive	2.80							
Oxford Memorial	2.30							
Pilgrim	3.55							
Pleasant Grove	4.00							
Pleasant Hill	2.50		12.51					
Poplar Springs	1.40	6.29						
Rocky Creek	1.55							
Smyrna								
Stony Point	6.00	73.50				6.00		
Sulphur Springs	4.80	51.25	8.60					
Taylorsville	10.00	77.30	38.00			48.00		
Taylor Springs	4.00							
Three Forks	5.00	32.81	28.05					9.37
White Plains	1.80	19.63	3.56					
	$112.50	$444.99	$302.05	$ 29.14	$38.00	$72.00	$17.70	$12.92

Sunday Schools

CHURCHES	Superintendents & Post Offices	Crade Roll Under 3 Year	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 Years up	Extension Department	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptisms from Sunday School
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville		20	20	20	25	30	60		180	98	10
Bethany	Homer Costner, Pores Knob										48	4
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite		6	12	6	4	6	16		50	37	3
Bethlehem	A. O. Hefner, Brookford		15		15	18	17	32	6	103	6	
Beulah	James Lial, Taylorsville			8	22		16	22			69	
Concord	Mrs. Lee Gant, Taylorsville			21		16		17	5	54	36	
Damascus	C. E. King, Statesville, R 2			14	12	10		32	5	73	44	6
Dover	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville	5	15		18	15		25	8	80	50	12
E. Taylorsville	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville		7	11	30	20	18	18	10	104	80	6
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite								8		53	7
Gays Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, R. 1		20		15	20		29	12	88	55	5
Hiddenite		4	9	11	14	12	4	41	13	108	81	
Lebanon	Mrs. J. C. Fortner, Taylorsville	4	6	6	10	12	6	10	3	57	30	2
Island Ford												
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson, Taylorsville		27		25	27	28	36	6	140	133	
Linneys Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite		14		12		25	22	6	79	60	17
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville		12	10	12			15	4	51		8
Macedonia	Ray Icenhour, Taylorsville									75	50	2
Millersville	Willie Crouch, Taylorsville		10	11	14	12		32	5	84	38	4
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wike, Pores Knob											
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville		11	16	15	28	35	20	8	133	95	6
Mt. Nebo												
Mt. Olive	Seth Deal, Pores Knob									70		
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville										70	13
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	8	23	15	14	12	25	53	12	152	85	12
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville	5		9		11		28	7	60	30	3
Pleasant Hill	Howard Deal, Taylorsville		24		19	24	43	32	7	149	62	4
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville		15		15		12	12		54	40	
Rocky Creek	Willie Johnson, Pores Knob		4	4	8			30	4	50	30	5
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover	5	15	3	12	16		14	12	72	41	
Sulphur Springs	Earl Lackey, Hiddenite		17		14	12	24	32	11	110	78	
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	15	15	30	31	48	20	94	25	258	122	5
Taylor Springs	B. L. Williams, New Hope		16		14		26	24	6	86	52	
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville		35		22	22	35	65		175	112	7
White Plains	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville	10	4	5	9	24	10	54	3	119	47	12
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville R. 6	4	15	30	25	45	30	68	13	230	158	

Gifts for Missions

CHURCHES	TREASURERS & POST OFFICES	Total to Co-op. Program	Special to State Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	Earl Cline, Taylorsville, N. C.	$ 52.00	$ 6.81	$ 17.50	$ 61.00	$ 46.30	$ 11.70	$ 195.31
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob, N. C.			28.60	55.15	5.76	10.58	100.09
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, N. C.			19.30	10.00	8.00	8.02	45.32
Bethlehem	Arthur Bowman, Hickory, N. C.		53.31	43.54	49.48	20.84		167.17
Beulah	Miss Bertha Vickers, Taylorsville	5.00	28.43	5.00	15.00	26.14		79.57
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point, N. C.		15.50	19.23	19.40	11.75		65.88
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville		16.01	85.35	21.02	22.18	24.45	169.01
Dover	Mrs. Ward Pennell, Taylorsville,		11.00	16.01	104.70	12.30		144.01
E. Taylorsville	Harold Price, Taylorsville, N. C.		25.35	4.00	8.21	16.16		53.72
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite			21.79	43.62	11.74		77.15
Gays Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville, N. C.			14.07	6.72		7.46	28.25
Hiddenite	J. A. Adams, Hiddenite, N. C.	58.43	14.04	35.00	138.01	39.74	6.02	291.24
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville, Rt. 6			1.00	1.00	2.00		4.00
Lebanon			9.00	20.00	35.00			64.00
Liledoun	Nelson Jenkins, Taylorsville, N. C.		7.00	20.56	23.00	13.40	31.35	95.31
Linneys Grove					11.51	6.30		17.81
Little River			23.00	14.67		14.60	161.00	213.27
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville, N. C.				30.00	23.50		53.50
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville							
Mt. Hebron				6.25		6.73		12.98
Mt. Herman			11.65	10.25	57.08	26.60	2.25	107.83
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite, N. C.		8.00	7.10	21.00	9.15		45.25
Mt. Olive	Seth Deal, Pores Knob, N. C.				55.00			55.00
Oxford Memorial	G. R. Reid, Taylorsville, N. C.							
Pilgrim	Lana Queen, New Hope, N. C.			5.00	75.00	24.79		104.79
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Childers, Stony Point, N. C.			104.44	30.89	28.32	32.52	196.17
Pleasant Hill	J. Z. Harrington, Taylorsville, N. C.		12.51	11.12	40.67	11.00		75.30
Poplar Spring	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, N. C.			6.29		3.20		9.49
Rocky Creek					17.85			17.85
Smyrna	J. W. Perkins, Conover, N. C.	21.40	12.21	3.57	28.10	8.37		73.65
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt. 6	96.42	28.56	103.68	202.70	77.26	79.00	587.62
Sulphur Springs	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite, N. C.			62.35	113.44	13.00		188.79
Taylorsville	R. L. Moose, Taylorsville, N. C.	65.80	63.28	193.71	183.37	149.20	152.43	807.79
Taylor Springs				14.01	15.65	15.24	20.50	65.40
Three Forks	Sallie Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.		28.05	42.12	36.00	35.00		141.17
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorsville, N. C.		3.56	19.68	46.00	6.60		75.84

Gifts for Local Church Work

CHURCHES	CLERK AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S.—B.Y.P.U. and W. M. S.	Help Given Local Poor	For Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes
Antioch	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	$ 310.00	$ 86.85	$338.37	$39.75	49.19	$	$ 4.00	$1051.50	$1879.66
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	192.10	29.81					2.85	8.86	233.62
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	123.69	30.00					2.15		155.84
Bethlehem	A. Lee Teague, Taylorsville	593.66	50.00	41.83	5.10			8.00	23.20	721.79
Beulah	Miss Ollie Steele, Taylorsville	165.00	20.00	2.00	9.75	47.03	32.00	2.00	35.00	312.78
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	270.62	90.00		9.50	22.50		1.00		393.62
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville	278.68	51.00		12.00	21.40		2.50	12.68	378.26
Dover	Fender Caldwell, Taylorsville	220.73	36.30		23.55	16.44	103.80	1.75		405.57
E. Taylorsville	Garfield Childers, Taylorsville	324.16	41.00	349.46	35.65	82.72	76.40	2.00	18.00	929.39
Fair View	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	210.90	49.30		9.60	21.96		4.65	18.34	314.75
Gays Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville, Rt. 1	128.50	26.35	15.87	23.10	8.35	10.75	1.40		214.32
Hiddenite	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite	346.28	165.02		68.88	67.15		5.00	30.16	682.49
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville, Rt. 6	31.00	13.05	78.85	9 60		4.00	3.00		139.50
Lebanon	C. C. Fortner, Taylorsville	200.00	35.00		7.00	12.00	6.50	3.00		263.50
Liledoun	C. T. Robinson, Taylorsville	366.00	90.61	367.31		34.25		2.70	18.06	878.93
Linneys Grove	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite	252.39	35.50		9.60			2.00		299.49
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	240.00	61.00			15.00		2.30		318.30
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	240.00	40.00		14.00	12.00		3.00		309.00
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville	169.57	39.00		20.00	27.34		2.50	123.00	381.41
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	191.15	44.75	7.00		10.00		1.80		254.70
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	492.05	40.00	74.50	26.34	48.99	12.25	3.20		697.33
Mt. Nebo		171.00						1.50		172.50
Mt. Olive	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	218.00						2.80	76.90	297.70
Oxford Memorial	Edith Caldwell, Taylorsville	52.87		330.31		11.01	37.46	2.30		433.95
Pilgrim	Leslie Millsaps, New Hope	210.00	35.00			42.25		3.55	61.95	352.75
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	379.60	47.00	250.72	9.60	19.48		4.00	5.00	715.40
Pleasant Hill	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	100.55						2.50		103.05
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville	186.40	30.00		2.00	10.00	10.15	1.40		239.95
Rocky Creek	John Frazier, Pores Knob	80.67	31.60	283.56		2.00		1.55		399.38
Smyrna	J. S. Teague, Taylorsville	160.50	42.00	141.11	14.00	36.31			11.94	405.86
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville	727.52	78.05		178.14	106.14		6.00	9.00	1104.85
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	425.24	52.92		9 60	40.88		4.80	22.50	555.94
Taylorsville	W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville	1,140.04	95.00	168.18	255.45	115.12	51.72	10.00	75.85	1,911.36
Taylor Springs	Kenneth Redman, New Hope	204.53	73.50		23.75	12.00	22.00	4.00		339.78
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	609.26	95.00	7.70	12.00	120.43		5.50	43.15	893.04
White Plains	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville	168.00	30.00		16.90	20.92	8.90	1.80	7.06	253.58
		10,180.66	1684.61	2456.77	847.86	1032.86	375.93	112.50	1,625.15	18,343.34

Chuch Memberships

CHURCHES		PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members
Antioch	1826	S. A. Stroupe, Granite Falls, N. C.	2-4	337	11				16			3	329
Bethany	1892	C. J. Pool, Pores, Knob, N. C.	3	192	4	8		1	8				197
Bethel	1800	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	2	204	4				3	1			204
Bethlehem	1888	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	312	7	4			8		1	1	313
Beulah		Lemuel Ramsey, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	58	3	6						2	65
Concord	1852	Lee A. James, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	166	17				1			6	176
Damascus	1839	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.	2	184	7	2			1				192
Dover	1833	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	2-4	244	12	1			10				247
East Taylorsville	1924	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.	2-4	201	6	2			7		4	2	196
Fair View	1922	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5	3	156	7	2							165
Gays Chapel	1885	L. T. Younger, New Hope, N. C.	3	102	10	1			4		12		97
Hiddenite	1915			123	1	5			1			2	126
Island Ford	1897	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, N. C.	1	40							14		26
Lebanon	1884	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	1-3	69	2							2	69
Liledoun	1906	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	2-4	212	20	8		1	3			1	237
Linneys Grove	1895	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C	4	124	23	3			2			1	147
Little River	1792	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	121	8	11			1			1	140
Macedonia	1855	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C	2	138								3	135
Millersville	1923	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-4	79	4	4			1			1	85
Mt. Hebron	1915	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	1-3	159	7								166
Mt. Herman	1912	Roger Gwaltney, Hiddenite, N. C.	2-4	274	6	1			10			1	274
Mt. Nebo	1907	Lee A. James, Taylorsville, N. C.	2-4	82					1			2	79
Mt. Olive	1865	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N .C	1-3	17	4	1			1			1	174
Oxford Memorial	1942	Jim Richards, Rhodhiss, N. C.	1-3		13	31							44
Pilgrim	1837	W .N. Hayes, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	1-3	246	14	1		1	2			3	151
Pleasant Grove	1900	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 6	2	138	4	3						2	144
Pleasant Hill	1852	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	3	187	8	1			2			5	189
Poplar Springs	1872	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, N. C.	1	180		1			8			2	171
Rocky Creek	1940	J. W. Eldriath, Jefferson, N. C.	4	17	9	7	2	1					36
Smyrna	1923	J. E. Carter, Hickory, Rt. 2	1-3	90					4				86
Stony Point	1909		1-2-3	328		6			11		3		320
Sulphur Springs	1867	G. W. White, Statesville, N. C.	3	172	6				1		3		174
Taylorsville	1851	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.	1 2 3 4	405	5	3			8			3	403
Taylor Springs	1852	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 6.	1	269	8				1			1	275
Three Forks	1857	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.	3	387	10	2			11			2	386
White Plains	1912	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	2	258	17				6				269

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CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Antioch—V. W. Teague, Jay Hollar and Carris Austin.
Bethany—C. J. Hendren, J. M. Costner and F. P. Hendren.
Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, J. L. Smith and Virgil Barnett.
Bethlehem—R. Lee Teague, T. B. Wagner and Clyde Bowman.
Beulah—J. A. Webster, Jennie Payne and Hester Teague.
Concord—By Letter.
Damascus—Maggie McLain, A. A. Leach, W. J. Page and C. E. King.
Dover—Ward Pennell and Harvey White.
East Taylorsville—L. C. Boston, Mrs. S. G. Earp and Mrs. Butler Chapman.
Fairview—Clay Hendren, Emmet Millsaps and Ernest Mitchell.
Gay's Chapel—W. G. Ellis, A. D. McIntyre and G. S. Deal.
Hiddenite—Mrs. Leach Gooden, Mrs. Mack Kerley and Mrs. Y. Y. Millsaps.
Island Ford—By Letter.
Lebanon—E. V. Bumgarner.
Liledoun—Clyde T. Robinson, Thomas Keever and Mack Little.
Linney's Grove—J. E. Tedder, W. F. McLain and D. F. Bowles.
Little River—L. W. Davis, Connie Brown and Lindsey Brown.
Macedonia—W. P. Smith, J. M. Stikeleather and D. A. Carrigan.
Millersville—J. B. Thompson, Willie Crouch and Pervie Fox.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Gaither Wike and Robert Deal.
Mt. Herman—J. C. Keller and W. O. Johnson.
Mt. Nebo—J. R. Burgess, J. T. Christopher and Lex Hammer.
Mt. Olive—Brackston Deal, O. E. Deal and D. E. Davis.
Oxford Memorial—G. C. Caldwell, Millard Brookshire and Hayden Reid.
Pilgrim—Leslie Millsaps, Lankford Jordan and J. F. Bunton.
Pleasant Hill—Raymond Harrington, Jeffie Daniels and Frank Gwaltney.
Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, Lincoln Childers and J. A. Hager.
Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers.
Rocky Creek—Jessie Johnson, Wilborn Anderson and Wiley Eldreath.
Smyrna—Fred W. Teague, Charlie Cline and Mrs. J. W. Perkins.
Stony Point—Mrs. C. W. Combs, Mrs. J. P. Watts and W. C. Grose.
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, Claud Bunton and Earl Lackey.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, Mrs. A. C. Payne, R. L. Moose and C. E. Echerd.
Taylor Springs—E. D. Wilborn, Clyde Jordan and Kenneth Redman.
Three Forks—S. W. Rogers and W. J. Rogers.
White Plains—R. L. Grant, J. A. Robinette and G. L. Chatham.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1943

10:00 A. M. The Association was opened by singing "Amazing Grace."

Devotion by Rev. Harvey White, read part of the 14th chapter of John. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Good.

Roll call of churches and thirty-three of the thirty-six churches were represented at the morning session of the Association.

Visitors were then recognized by the Moderator: Bro. Guss Myers; Rev. Zeb Cartrell of the Caldwell Association; A. D. Stout of Yadkin Association; Bro. and Sister Massey of South Yadkin Association; Rev. R. H. Weaver and M. O. Alexander of Raleigh; Rev. J. A. McMillan of Mills Home and Rev. T. L. Blaylock, our Missionary to China.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominations—A. C. Payne, H. L. Good, W. J. Rogers.

Time, Place and Preacher—W. P. Smith, E. V. Bumgarner, R. N. Sloan.

Program—E. C. Shoe, Miss Carrie Childers, Jeffie Daniels.

Resolutions—W. C. Groce, Mrs. Yates Millsaps, Wayne Austin.

The Association then took up the subjects as outlined by the Program Committee.

First subject: One minute report of the churches and progress and spiritual condition of the same.

A number of churches reported very interestingly on the financial condition or progress, but very little was said about the spiritual side of the subject. It was hoped by the Association that this part of the program will prove to be a great success to the churches.

Second subject: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these." It was read by Rev. H. L. Good. Was discussed by Rev. H. L. Good and J. A. McMillan and adopted.

True religion does more than give something for the relief of the distressed. Yes, true religion visits the distressed, takes them under its care, speaks to their hearts; relieves their wants, sympathizes with them, instructs them in divine things, and recommends thme to God. All this it does for the Lord's sake. This I say is the religion of Christ; the religion that does not prove itself by works of charity and mercy is not of God. Therefore your committee recommend that every Baptist in Alexander Association will prove his or her religion divine, by heeding the call that comes from the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage and Hospital: that we may use this channel to visit the orphans, and minister unto the sick: that every one of the six thousand Baptists in this Association will make these institutions objects of prayer, and by annual or monthly offerings say to Brothers Greer and Hagaman, "Take care of them and what thou spendest more we will repay thee."

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. GOOD.

Bro. Carpenter of the Biblical Recorder was given fifteen minutes to present his paper of which he is editor.

This session of the Association was honored by having twenty-two preachers present.

It is now the hour for the annual sermon by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. Text: Philip. 2:1.

Intermission.

1:15. P. M. Devotion of B. F. Peeler. Read first chapter of Psalms.

The Moderator called for delinquent churches and Mt. Olive, Smyrna and Pleasant Hill reported present.

A new church (Mountain View by name) presented an application for membership in the Association. The Moderator then appointed a committee consisting of Bro. A. C. Payne, E. C. Shoe and E. V. Bumgarner to investigate the application.

The Association then proceeded with the program.

First subject: The W. M. U., by Mrs. Leach Gooden. The text of her discussion follows:

There are four great links which go to make up a W. M. U. organization. They are (1) prayer, (2) the study of the missionary message of the Bible, (3) tithes and offerings and (4) the study of community missions.

The first link is to enlist our women and young people in prayer. If Christ prayed so much, sometimes spending the whole night in prayer, how much more should we feel that great need. He taught His disciples to pray, promising them whatever they asked in His name, believing, would be granted. On His last evening with the disciples, He prayed that they might be one, that they might be kept from evil. He gave them the task of winning a lost world to Him, promising that He would be with them "all the days." Now He ever liveth to make intercession for them who come unto God by Him. Some one has said of the Lord, "Thirty years of living, three years of serving, one tremendous act of dying, nineteen hundred years of praying." What an emphasis on prayer.

Paul, the pioneer missionary, coveted the prayers of his fellow Christians that God would open unto him a door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ. His great request was, "Brethren, pray for us." Our missionaries today look to us for intercessory prayer. Thus the seasons of prayer came into living prayers for individual missionaries and the establishing of family altars, and so has the world been girded by daily prayers of W. M. U. "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

The second great link, the study of the missionary message of the Bible. The Book of all Books should be our guide, but there are many

books written by men and women who have made a special study of missions, which the W. M. U. would recommend. For instance the book called, "Talks on Soul Winning" (Mullins) would inspire any Christian to be a greater soul winner for Christ. Oh, that the people of the Alexander Association could realize the importance of winning souls for the Master, the work of God's Kingdom would go by leaps and bounds.

The third link is, Tithes and Offerings. By keeping God's plan of giving before our people, we encourage tithing. Honest tithing and straight forward stewardship turn individuals from wickedness toward righteousness and the fruits shall be peace.

The fourth link is, "Community Missions." Soul winning through Christian service is the need of the world today. We study our community that we may know our needs. Oh, that we may heed God's call to become fishers of men, humbling ourselves before Him that His grace might flow through us in a mighty river to the salvation of souls.

We have four churches sponsoring a Missionary Union: Stony Point, Hiddenite, Taylorsville and Antioch. We ought to have more churches in the Association with Women's Missionary Organizations. Will the churches aim at a greater and better work among our women and young people

I said "Let me walk in the field;"
He said, "No, walk in the town;"
I said, There are no flowers there;"
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the air is thick,
And fogs are veiling the sun."
He said, "But souls are sick,
And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me, they say;"
He said, "Choose tonight
If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given,
He said, "Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem hard in heaven
To have followed the steps of your guide."

I took one look toward the fields,
Then turned my face toward the town;
He said, "My child, do you yield?
Do you leave the flowers for the crown?"

Then into His hand went mine,
And into my heart came He:
And I walk in a light divine,
The path I had feared to see.
—George Macdonald.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LEACH GOODEN.

Second subject: "The Baptist Training Union," by Bro. Howard Gryder. Bro. Gryder was not present. Rev. M. O. Alexander, of Raleigh, was given fifteen minutes, which he used partly to introduce a book called "God's Kingdom in North Carolina."

Third subject: "Will the World Need Missionaries After the War and Will They Be Ready?" By Rev. C. C. Holland, who gave an interesting discourse on what the world will need, and the preparation the world should make in meeting that need.

The Moderator appointed the following Associational workers:

Associational Sunday School Superintendent—Wayne Austin.

Associational B. T. U. President—H. T. Gryder.

Associational W. M. U. President—Mrs. Leach Gooden.

Associational Leader for Vacation Bible Schools—Mrs. U. L. Hafer.

The Special Committee on application for church membership made this report:

That Mountain View Baptist Church, that is now being organized, be put on probation for one year, which was accepted by Mountain View Church.

The Committee on Time, Pleace and Preacher reported as follows:

Time—Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1944.

Place—Taylorsville Baptist Church.

Preacher—H. L. Good.

The Nominating Committee reported by Bro. A. C. Payne as follows:

Moderator—Rev. E. C. Shoe.

Vice Moderator—W. C. Grose.

Clerk—R. B. McLeod.

Treasurer—C. E. Echerd.

Historian—E. V. Bumgarner.

The above named officers were unanimously elected.

The Committee on Resolutions offered some but failed to give a copy to the clerk; therefore they will not appear in the Minutes. The Committee offered a motion that the Resolution Committee be appointed at this session of the Association to serve for the coming year. A vote was taken and carried. The Moderator appointed the same committee to serve for the coming year.

Rev. T. L. Blaylock, our missionary to China, and..... also a missionary to China, were given the opportunity of speaking on their missionary work.

A motion was made and carried, that the Association be given an opportunity to contribute to the starving in China. Offering, $55.39.

Motion by Bro. C. E. Echerd and voted in by the Association, that the clerk be paid $25.00 for his work and the balance be paid one-half to the retiring moderator and one-half to the incoming moderator to help pay their expenses.

On motion by Rev. E. C. Shoe that the pastor of Stony Point and Hiddenite churches send to the church of which Rev. J. D. Whisnant is pastor and the work that he is doing a part of, telling them of his faith, stability, etc., and the confidence that Alexander Association had in him.

Motion by Rev. H. L. Good that the Moderator serve only two years and that no Moderator can succeed himself until two years has passed. The motion carried.

Resolution offered by Rev. E. C. Shoe and adopted by the Association as follows:

Constitution of Churches

In view of the fact that Baptist churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the local church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and co-operative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual session at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, name a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (with the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give counsel and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has the endorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

Ordination of Ministers

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943,

name a committee of pastors and deacons to sit in council with a sister church in the matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

Note 1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of their denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to co-operate in the Faith and Work "once for all delivered unto the saints."

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully,

E. C. SHOE.

7:30 P. M. Song, "Blessed Assurance."

Devotion by Rev. H. L. Good, read part of the 14th chapter of Ephesians.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Constitution of Churches—The new Moderator, Rev. E. C. Shoe, appointed A. E. Watts, Chairman. The retiring moderator appointed the balance, namely: H. L. Good, E. V. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, R. Lee Teague.

Ordination of Preachers—E. V. Bumgarner, Chairman, C. J. Poole, H. L. Good, A. E. Watts, W. C. Grose, R. B. McLeod, W. P. Smith.

The subject for tonight "A Challenge to the Youth," by Rev. E. C. Shoe. The discussion was very interesting, inspiring and instructive.

Adjourned till Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1944. Dismissed by Rev. H. L. Good.

APRIL 24, 1943

The Alexander Associational Sunday School Convention was opened by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

The first subject—"How to Find and Hold the Teachers We Need," by Rev. H. L. Good.

The second subject—"The Spiritual Preparation of the Teacher," by Bro. Wayne Austin.

The third subject—"Facing Our Opportunities In a Day of Confusion," by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.

Roll call of churches. There were 22 churches represented, 25 teachers, 8 superintendents and 13 preachers present.

11:25 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Roger Gwaltney. Text, Judges 7:21.

12:00 Noon. Intermission.

The fourth subject—"The Benefit of Church Census, by Rev. E. C. Shoe. His subject, "He Calleth His Sheep by Name."

The fifth subject—"The Vacation Bible School," by Miss Lucy Echerd.

Inspirational message by Bro. I. G. Greer. Subject, "The Opportunities of the Church During the Present Crisis."

By motion of Rev. W. T. Comer a vote of appreciation was extended for the entertainment furnished by the church.

Dismissed by Bro. I. G. Greer.

JULY 4, 1943

The Alexander Associational Missionary Meeting was held with Smyrna Baptist Church.

2:00 P. M. Song, "The Kingdom Is Coming.'

First subject—"What the W. M. U. Is Doing," by Mrs. Leach Gooden.

Second subject—"Three G's In Our Commission," by Rev. E. C. Shoe.

The quartette from Oxford Memorial Baptist Church rendered two beautiful songs.

Roll call of churches. There were 14 churches represented, 9 preachers, 18 deacons and 25 teachers were present.

Third subject—"We Are Able Numerically and Financially," by Bro. A. C. Payne.

Inspirational message was delivered by Miss Grayson in the absence of Rev. Edwin F. Perry.

Song, "Send the Light."

Dismissed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.

HISTORY OF DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Damascus Baptist Church is situated about thirteen miles north of Statesville on a beautiful knoll overlooking Snow Creek, one-half mile west of No. 115, Statesville-Wilkesboro highway. It is located in Iredell County near the Iredell-Alexander County line.

By an order of a call from Grassy Knob Baptist Church, a presbytery, composed of John Angel and William Garner met May 11, 1839, and organized Damascus Baptist Church. The charter members at this organization were as follows: William Goforth, Richard Hendren, Ester Hendren, Susanah Brock, Tabitha Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Quincy Bowles, Orpha Sloan and Fanny Johnson.

The present church building built in 1909 is the fourth house built since the church was organized. A spacious arbor built in 1853 is also on the church grounds.

The following ministers have served as pastors of the church: Rev. William Garner from May 11, 1839, to Dec. 16, 1854; Rev. William Chappel from Dec. 16, 1854, to Jan. 3, 1857; Rev. W. G. Brown from Jan. 3, 1857, to 1859; Rev. J. G. Bryant from 1859 to 1860; Rev. W. G.

Brown from Dec. 1860, to Dec. 1871; Rev. W. A. Poole from Dec., 1871, to Dec. 1873; Rev. W. G. Brown from Dec., 1873, to Dec., 1876; Rev. L. P. Gwaltney from Dec. 1876, to Dec., 1878; Rev. Y. Jordan and Rev. A. H. Goodin from 1878 to 1880; Rev. W. G. Brown from 1880 to 1889; Rev. J. P. Gwaltney from 1889 to Oct., 1915; Rev. D. W. Poole from Oct., 1915, to Oct., 1920; Rev. W. T. Comer from Oct., 1920, to Oct., 1922; Rev. Charles C. Holland from Oct., 1922, to June, 1927; Rev. G. D. White from June, 1927, to Oct. 5, 1940; and Rev. A. E. Watts, called Oct. 5, 1940, is the present pastor.

The following clerks have served the church: K. Jordan from April, 1841, to 1854; I. G. Sloan from 1854 to Dec., 1876; A. D. Goodin from Dec., 1876, to Jan., 1885; E. C. Sloan with S. C. Johnson as assistant from Jan., 1885, to Dec., 1889; N. G. Sloan from Feb. 1889, to Dec., 1902; S. C. Johnson with W. F. Mason as assistant from Jan., 1902, to Aug. 31, 1907; C. L. Millsaps with S. C. Johnson as assistant from Aug. 31, 1907, to July 3, 1920; I. A. McLain from July 3, 1920, until his death, July 11, 1927; Maggie McLain, elected Aug. 6, 1927, is serving at the present time.

Damascus Church belonged to the Brier Creek Association from 1839 until Oct., 1901, when it joined the Alexander Association. In Oct., 1841, the Brier Creek Association convened with Damascus Church. Also in Oct., 1893, another session of the Brier Creek Association was held with this church. In Oct., 1909, the Alexander Association held its twenty-second annual session with this church. The fifty-sixth annual session of this Association was held here Oct. 6, 1943. The Alexander Baptist Associational Sunday School Convention met with the church the fifth Saturday in April, 1939.

RECOMMENDATION

General Board of State Convention of the Baptist
Denomination in South Carolina:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alexander Association, there being present: A. E. Watts, Sr., Moderator, presiding, R. B. McLeod, Clerk, Chas. Pool, Historian, Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer, A. C. Payne Member of the Board; after carefully considering the Christian character, qualifications and financial status of Brother John Wayne Levan, who appeared before us in person, the following resolution was adopted:

The Executive Committee of the Alexander Association having carefully inquired into the character, qualifications and financial resources of Brother John Wayne Levan do hereby approve him as a student for the ministry and recommend his application for aid to your favorable consideration.

Postoffice: Taylorsville, N. C.
Date: April 9, 1943.

A. E. WATTS, Chairman,
CHAS. E. ECHERD, Secretary.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

A digest of 36 letters reveal amounts given to major objects, as named below, during the past year, as follows:

Pastors' Salaries	$13,795.43
Total to Local Objects, including Pastors' Salaries	31,735.47
Co-operative Program	517.46
All Missions	1,791.45
Orphanage	1,781.56
Hospital	854.12
All Denominational Purposes	5,088.57
Total All Purposes	36,824.04
Minute Fund	123.56
Baptisms for Last Year	271

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. McLEOD, for Committee.

OBITUARIES

1943

Antioch—Mr. Andrew V. Teague and Mr. David Medlin.

Bethlehem—Mr. Green Austin, Mr. James Johnson and Mr. Kent Fox.

Concord—Mrs. Laura A. Gryder, Mrs. Lily Warren.

Damascus—Mr. J. Irvin Johnson and Mrs. Lucy Goodin.

East Taylorsville—Mrs. Elisha Barnes.

Gay's Chapel—Deacon M. B. Cashion.

Hiddenite—Deacon Y. Y. Millsaps.

Macedonia—Mr. C. M. Fincannon.

Mt. Hebron—Mr. Ruben Queen and Mrs. Jane Kerley.

Mt. Herman—Mrs. Emma McBride and Mrs. Andy Fox.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. Edna O. Lowe, Mr. Thomas Fortner and Mr. Marcus Earp.

Pleasant Hill—Deacon Sion Harrington, Mrs. Louvenna Childers, Mrs. Venia St. Clair and Mrs. Partee Bowles.

Stony Point—Mr. Julius Bentley, Mr. C. L. Parker and Miss Cordie Pharr.

Taylorsville—Mrs. Emma Pennell, Miss Ruby Dell Watts, Mrs. Sarah Weber Bennent and Rev. M. A. Adams.

Taylor Springs—Miss Laura Williams.

Three Forks—Mrs. Alice Brookshire, Mrs. Frances Childers and Mrs. Victoria Watts.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

CHURCHES	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Total Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	
Antioch	1826	S. A. Straup, Granite Falls	2 & 4	329	7	3			6			2	331
Bethany		Chas. J. Pool, Pores Knob	3	197		3							200
Bethel	1800	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	1	204	5	1			7				203
Bethlehem	1888	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1 & 3	313	7				7	3			310
Beulah		James Lail, Taylorsville	1 & 3	67		1			3				65
Concord		Harvey White, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1	176	7				1			2	180
Damascus	1839	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	2	192	6	2			2			2	196
Dover	1833	S. I. Watts, Boomer	2 & 4	247	4	2			6			3	244
East Taylorsville		A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	2 & 4	196	8	7			9		1	1	200
Fair View		G. D. White, Statesville	3	165	5	2	1		6				167
Gay's Chapel	1885	L. T. Younger, New Hope	3	97	3	3			8			1	94
Hiddenite		H. L. Good, Stony Point	1 3 4	126	8	3	1		5			1	132
Island Ford	1893	Harvey White, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	2 & 4	26	2			1					29
Lebanon		S. I. Watts, Boomer	1 & 3		2			1	1			1	
Liledoun	1906	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1 & 3	237	15				3				247
Linney's Grove	1895	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	4	147	6				3				150
Little River		D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	2 & 4	121	4	2			2				125
Macedonia		E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	2	143	13	5		1	1			1	161
Millersville	1923	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	2 & 4	85	1	3							89
Mt. Hebron	1915	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	1 & 3	159	3	1			6			2	155
Mt. Herman	1912	Rogers Gwaltney, Statesville	2 & 4	170	7	2			10			2	167
Mt. Nebo	1907	Lee A. James, Taylorsville	2 & 4	79	6				1				84
Mt. Olive		E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	3	174	9	1			1		29	3	151
Oxford Memorial		James T. Richards, Rhodhiss	1 & 3	44	2	15							61
Pilgrim	1836	W. N. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	1 & 3	151	7				5	1			152
Pleasant Hill	1852	J. S. Stevenson, Pores Knob	1 & 3	187	15	5			7			4	196
Pleasant Grove	1900	G. D. White, Statesville	2	131	9				10				130
Poplar Springs	1872	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1	171	13				4	2			178
Rocky Creek	1940	J. W. Eldreath, Jefferson	4	36	7	3			1	1			44
Smyrna	1923	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	2	90	5								95
Stony Point	1909	H. L. Good, Stony Point	1,2,3,4	320	39	10			19			3	347
Sulphur Springs	1867	G. D. White, Statesville	3	190	10	4							204
Taylorsville	1851	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	1,2,3,4	402	8	9			7			4	400
Taylor Springs	1852	G. D. White, Statesville	1	269	14	1			3			1	280
Three Forks	1857	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1 & 3	382	10	1			13			3	377
White Plains		S. I. Watts, Boomer	2	269	4	2			4				271
		Totals			271	90	2	3	161	7	30	38	6415

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll 3 and under	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Etxension Department	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptisms From Sunday School
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	10	15	20	30	30	15	60	3	183	87	7
Bethany	Homer Costner, Pores Knob										42	
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite		10	10	7	8	6	15	5	61		
Bethlehem	T. B. Wagner, Taylorsville, Rt. 1		7	8	18	15	12	25		55	60	7
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville		10		25		12	25		72	60	
Concord	Mrs. Ora Grant, Taylorsville, Rt, 3			10	18	12		20		60	40	6
Damascus	C. E. King, Statesville			7	8	15	15	15		60	40	4
Dover	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	5	15		15	15		25	6	81	40	
East Taylorsville	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville		9	15	25	20	22	25		116	82	6
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite										50	5
Gay's Chapel	C. D. McIntyre, Statesville, Rt. 1		20		16		20	29		25	56	1
Hiddenite	Harlem Lackey, Hiddenite	5	9	9	16	10	6	40	2	97	75	9
Island Ford	A. V. Byers, Statesville, Rt. 6		12		12		10	5	4	43	38	2
Lebanon	Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville											
Liledoun	Clyde T. Robinson, Taylorsville		26		17	26	21	31		121	122	8
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite									75	54	
Little River	L. W. Davis, Pores Knob		10		9		9	20		48	57	4
Macedonia	J. P. Mecimore, Taylorsville		6	8	6	12	15	20	3	70	50	
Millersville	Willie Crouch, Taylorsville		15		25	25		18		83	34	1
Mt. Hebron			15		12		15	15		57	40	1
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echard, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	19	19	15	30	30	19	25		157	96	7
Mt. Nebo	Lex Hammer, Hiddenite		18				14	18		50	30	
Mt. Olive	David F. Lowe, Pores Knob		15		20		21	18	6	80	55	8
Oxford Memorial	Millard Brookshire, Lenoir, Rt. 2										60	2
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	13	10	14	17	12	30	50		146	75	6
Pleasant Hill	Howard Deal, Taylorsville			24	19	24	43	32	7	149	50	5
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville	3	5	7		14		24		53	43	3
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2			20	15	15		20		70	55	11
Rocky Creek	Hobert Howen, Pores Knob			8		9		14		31	33	6
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover		12	5	12	16		14	3	62	40	5
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt. 6	7	25	17	48	39	14	75	13	238	149	39
Sulphur Springs	Earl Lackey, Hiddenite		11	15	15	10	25	59		135	74	10
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	18	15	18	17	50	8	87	3	216	114	7
Taylor Springs	D. L. Williams, New Hope		8		7		13	12		40	26	
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, Rt. 2		25		16	28	25	60		154	98	8
White Plains	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, Rt. 3	10	4	8	8	15	15	45		105	57	2
	Totals	90	346	238	487	450	405	941	55	2993	2082	180

GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building & Repairs Spent This Year	Incidentals	Literature for Church and S. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Purposes
Antioch	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	$ 320.00	$ 44.27	$650.01	$147.14	$ 62.06		$ 5.00	$454.29	$1682.77
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	154.19	28.80					3.00		185.95
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	127.20	70.00					2.80	10.00	210.00
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville	710.15	60.00	1604.00	34.02	44.26	$23.00	6.00		2481.43
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville	152.73	56.23	150.00	33.84	30.17	27.35	2.00		452.32
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	511.65	35.00	279.80	7.00	15.00		1.25		849.70
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2	374.18	87.25	307.80	23.93	24.23		4.20		821.59
Dover	Mrs. Ward Pennell, Taylorsville	325.46	58.00		14.30	21.11	162.41	1.25	95.97	678.50
East Taylorsville	Harold Price, Taylorsville	467.16	55.00	143.00	26.76	62.76	19.94	3.00	74.56	852.18
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt. 1	271.00	71.00	323.18	9.60	23.58		5.10		703.40
Gay's Chapel	W. B. Ellis, Statesville, Rt. 1	135.36	33.50	42.24	13.02	14.65		2.50	17.05	258.32
Hiddenite	J. A. Adams, Hiddenite	493.20	56.96		98.32	57.22		5.00	106.96	857.99
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville, Rt. 6	95.79	30.00	700.00	10.00	7.60		1.00	4.00	848.35
Lebanon		344.50								344.58
Liledoun	Tom Keever, Taylorsville	481.97	62.50	183.05		40.49	29.30	3.50	19.46	820.27
Linney's Grove		282.12	55.00		9.60			1.25		347.97
Little River	Mrs. Y. C. Barnes, Taylorsville	442.00	82.00					2.30		526.30
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	365.00	76.14	20.00	12.00	28.00		3.22		404.36
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville	300.03	47.00		21.70	26.33		2.50		397.56
Mt. Hebron		279.94	72.40		9.60	20.00		1.20	20.00	403.14
Mt. Herman	J. C. Keller, Taylorsville	600.00	54.00		230.94	54.00		5.00	39.00	982.94
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	300.18	104.00	1187.84		17.00		1.65	42.00	1662.67
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Florence Deal, Pores Knob	184.13	76.25		16.05	29.54		4.50		310.47
Oxford Memorial	Hayden Reid, Taylorsville	188.21	75.11	1289.19	161.00	39.08	21.90	3.85		1778.34
Pilgrim	J. T. Bunton, Hiddenite	200.00	57.00	200.00		35.69		2.85	17.00	512.54
Pleasant Hill	J. Z. Harrington, Taylorsville	121.40	165.05			32.72		4.46		323.63
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Childers, Stony Point, Rt. 1	451.30	62.00		9.80	26.48	50.00	4.55	14.00	618.13
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	237.21	99.86			16.00				353.07
Rocky Creek		115.72	47.00			4.00	22.56	3.00		192.58
Smyrna	J. W. Perkins, Conover	288.57	54.00	425.00	29.35	41.36		2.00	9.00	855.28
Stony Point	Mrs. A. F. Ball, Stony Point	1235.01		84.50	140.48	151.40	24.00	7.00	2254.67	3897.06
Sulphur Springs	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite	488.25	91.02		15.60	43.35		6.63	38.55	683.40
Taylorsville	R. L. Moose, Taylorsville	1349.01	92.95	1000.00	351.95	174.95	15.49	10.00	566.68	3561.03
Taylor Springs		264.00	90.00		23.00	12.00	18.50	3.00	10.07	418.57
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	930.00	80.30		12.00	88.02		5.00		1115.32
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorsville	210.81	53.00		13.00	36.60	3.85	4.00	13.50	343.76
	Totals	13795.43	2285.59	8771.37	1474.00	1279.65	418.30	123.56	3806.76	31735.47

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES	Total to Co-operative Program	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	$52.00	$26.77	$20.35	$ 52.81	.....	$63.13	$224.06
Bethany	.....	.....	19.52	66.10	$15.50	25.13	126.25
Bethel	.....	.....	11.41	10.50	19.73	12.20	53.84
Bethlehem	.....	57.75	34.13	42.91	18.17	15.00	167.96
Beulah	.....	3.67	6.35	12.50	35.36	.....	57.86
Concord	.....	24.12	.....	18.00	11.53	.....	53.65
Damascus	.....	62.27	77.33	37.41	19.61	7.70	204.32
Dover	.....	20.98	18.44	81.95	.....	.....	121.37
East Taylorsville	.....	6.65	16.67	50.50	50.32	10.30	134.44
Fair View	.....	.....	30.10	79.67	20.00	.....	137.77
Gay's Chapel	.....	.....	10.44	10.51	.....	12.00	32.95
Hiddenite	46.97	27.00	112.79	161.23	21.30	45.71	415.10
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Lebanon	.....	.....	10.00	20.00	5.00	.....	35.00
Liledoun	.....	18.95	39.40	25.00	5.00	.....	88.35
Linney's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.06	.....	18.06
Little River	.....	50.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	60.00
Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	45.00	16.00	.....	61.00
Millersville	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	3.00	13.00
Mt. Hebron	.....	5.44	.....	27.00	4.95	.....	37.39
Mt. Herman	.....	40.00	.....	50.00	50.00	.....	140.00
Mt. Nebo	.....	10.00	.....	12.00	9.50	.....	31.50
Mt. Olive	.....	3.00	3.00	54.00	10.00	.....	70.00
Oxford Memorial	.....	.....	6.00	33.53	12.50	.....	52.03
Pilgrim	.....	.....	5.00	63.00	25.00	.....	93.00
Pleasant Hill	.....	19.61	.....	32.25	15.06	.....	66.92
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	127.39	33.05	41.89	.....	202.33
Poplar Springs	.....	16.52	.....	37.50	9.00	28.33	91.35
Rocky Creek	.....	.....	1.90	24.20	9.75	.....	35.85
Smyrna	107.06	9.37	1.68	46.06	3.14	4.40	171.71
Stony Point	164.63	81.51	75.06	253.27	70.21	50.86	696.24
Sulphur Springs	.....	38.80	.....	108.61	12.55	123.00	231.96
Taylorsville	146.80	55.61	96.47	200.00	237.19	96.69	872.84
Taylor Springs	.....	.....	38.00	20.00	19.80	.....	77.80
Three Forks	.....	17.37	34.61	33.00	37.00	.....	121.98
White Plains	.....	5.69	31.00	40.00	11.00	.....	87.69
Totals	517.46	964.41	827.04	1781.56	854.12	497.45	5088.57

BAPTIST TRAINING UNIONS OF ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions & Story H.	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Unions & Story H.	No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers
Antioch	Jay Hollar, Granite Falls	1	....	1	1	1	4	11	....	18	15	6	50	30	....	....
Stony Point	Sarah Alexander, Stony Point	2	1	1	1	1	6	6	11	22	18	9	66	19	24	34
Taylorsville	H. T. Gryder, Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	1	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS OF ALEXANDER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. of Woman's Missionary Societies	No. Y. W. A.'s	No. G. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Antioch	Mrs. V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	1	....	....	....	10		$ 5.00	$30.25
Hiddenite	Mrs. Bryan Matlock, Hiddenite	1	1	1	....	53	20	6.15	112.79
Stony Point	Mrs. J. D. Beaver, Hiddenite	2	....	....	....	32	.....	84.50	118.13
Taylorsville	Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Taylorsville	1	1	2	1	136	35	146.07	381.03

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CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Thirty-five churches were enrolled with the following Messengers. Lebanon's letter was some time in reaching the Clerk.

Antioch—Mrs. V. W. Teague, Mrs. Carres Austin, W. R. Austin.
Bethany—F. S. Hendren, F. P. Hendren, Roy Hayes.
Bethel—V. K. Bentley, E. F. Millsaps, J. L. Smith.
Bethlehem—T. B. Wagner, Howard Teague.
Beulah—J. A. Webster, Mrs. R. L. Settlemire, Mrs. Hester Teague.
Concord—R. L. King, N. R. Martin.
Damascus—Ralph Wilson, Maggie McLain.
Dover—Ward Pennell, Pender Caldwell, Harvey White.
East Taylorsville—Mrs. Butler Chapman, Betty Price, Mrs. S. G. Earp.
Fairview—J. W. Query, W. B. Hendren.
Gay's Chapel—G. L. Deal, E. Y. Cashion.
Hiddenite—J. W. Gwaltney, Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney.
Island Ford—J. H. Byers, Artie V. Byers, P. O. Stuart.
Liledoun—T. F. Keever, N. A. Fox.
Linney's Grove—J. E. Tedder.
Little River—D. L. Orren, A. C. Robinette.
Macedonia—J. M. Stikeleather, W. P. Smith, Coie Icenhour.
Millersville—J. B. Thompson, Willie Crouch, Fannie Fox.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Gaither Wike.
Mt. Herman—P. E. Johnson, Harold Mays, Mrs. E. P. Keller.
Mt. Nebo—Tex Hammer, J. R. Burgess, J. T. Christopher.
Mt. Olive—R. T. Lowe.
Oxford Memorial—Clarence Caldwell, Hayden Reid.
Pilgrim—Roy Millsaps, Leslie Millsaps.
Pleasant Hill—Raymond Harrington, Jeffie Daniels, Mrs. Jeffie Daniels.
Pleasant Grove—Q. M. Teague, Lincoln Childers, Mrs. Lincoln Childers.
Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers.
Rocky Creek—William Anderson, Hubert Hown.
Smyrna—Everette Teague, C. M. Cline, Fred W. Teague.
Stony Point—Mrs. H. L. Good, Mrs. J. P. Watts.
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook
Taylorsville—Mrs. U. L. Hafer, Mrs. J. M. Childers, Rom L. Moose.
Taylor Springs—Clyde Jordan, Clarence Barker.
Three Forks—J. M. Walker, R. B. McLeod.
White Plains—Frank Adams, Dock Walker, Jay Robinette.

PROCEEDINGS

10:00 A. M. The Association was opened by singing, "All Hail the Power."

Devotion by Rev. James R. Lail, read Psalm 57. Prayer by Rev. S. A. Straupe.

The program as prepared by the committee was adopted by the Association.

10:15 A. M. "Go, and do thou likewise." Orphanage and Hospitals. The Report was stated by Rev. H. L. Good. Orphanage was discussed by Rev. J. A. McMillan, and Hospitals was discussed by Smith Hagaman. The report was adopted.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage maintains two homes, the Mills Home in Thomasville and the Kennedy Home near Kinston. These are not two orphanages but are the two homes of the Baptist Orphanage. Each of these homes has a superintendent but neither has a separate treasurer, for the Orphanage treasurer handles all the finances of both homes.

The Orphanage has cared for during 1943, 698 in the two homes, 23 in boarding homes, and 60 in their own homes. It has been able to place a larger number than ever before, thus enabling it to be of service to more children.

Many activities are involved in the production of good food. The farm from which the Orphanage receives fresh vegetables in abundance along with pork and beef, the dairy from which each child receives a quart of whole milk daily, the poultry yard where all of the chickens and eggs are produced, and the 100,000 half-gallon jars that are filled with every kind of fruit and vegetable by the friends all over North Carolina. All of these good things are sent to the 19 kitchens of the two homes where they are prepared as well balanced meals. Clothing to a great extent is made by the children, with the aid of competent supervisors.

Each day 600 children must depend upon friends of the Orphanage for support. These friends have not failed in the past and are not going to fail now. On account of the increased cost of living the monthly contributions and Thanksgiving offering should be larger this year than they have ever been before.

In the name of Christ whose love for the orphan child was supreme and as an opportunity for enriching our own lives, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of supporting and training the boys and girls committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. GROSE.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital was established by our denomination for the purpose of providing hospital facilities for the sick of our state who

are not financially able to pay for treatment. In normal times, about one-third of the population of our state is found in this class.

Since the opening of the hospital in 1923—a little more than 20 years ago—about 77,000 patients have been treated to date. Of this number, about 28,000 were of those for whom the institution was primarily provided—service or charity patients. During these years the hospital has rendered, in most instances free service to about 1,650 ministers, missionaries and ministerial students. Last year—1943—10,333 patients were treated. Of this number 3,444 were free patients or paid little. This free service last year represents a cost of $145,509.76. The free service of the hospital for the little more than 20 years of its history represents a cost of about $2,302,000.00. This cost was covered by one dollar per day per patient from the Duke Foundation, a little profit from pay patients, but largely from the Mother's Day offering by the churches.

The Mother's Day offering by the churches this year amounts to date to about $90,000.00, the largest ever. This includes hospital linen, donated by the W. M. U.'s and other church agencies in the amount of about $2,000.00 so far this year.

Notwithstanding the recent expansion of the hospital, it is constantly overcrowded, which makes it impossible to render prompt and much needed service to all who apply.

The institution is attempting to keep uppermost in mind always the purpose for which it was created, primarily the treatment of the poor in a Christian Institution. In the name of Christ who healed the sick and made the lame to walk, let us not forget Baptist Hospital when we make our offering to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. GROSE.

Roll call of churches and 35 churches reported present.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Time, Place and Preacher—W. P. Smith, C. J. Pool and Ward Pennell.

Nominations—B. F. Peeler, V. W. Teague and Clarence Caldwell.

New Pastors were called and Bro. Wade Rogers presented himself (Pastor of Dover Baptist Church), and was welcomed by Past Moderator, Rev. A. E. Watts.

The following visitors were present and were welcomed to sit with us by the Moderator:

J. A. McMillan from Mills Home, E. F. Sullivan from Hickory, L. L. Carpenter from Raleigh, Smith Hagaman from the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, M. H. Kendall from Mars Hill College, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Good of Yadkin Association, H. F. Lambert from South Yadkin Association, J. J. H. Pool from Bethseda, Md., W. M. Jamerson from Phoelus, Va., Zeb A. Cudle from Caldwell Association, Authrie Colverd from South Fork Association, H. W. Hutcheson from South Fork Association.

11:05—**Fountains of Knowledge.**

(1) Sunday School, by Wayne Austin.
(2) Christian Literature, by L. L. Carpenter.
(3) Christian Colleges, by M. H. Kendall.

The reports were adopted.

"THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AS A FOUNTAIN OF KNOWLEDGE"

Just as a small spring, at the head of the valley, is the source of supply for the stream, so is the Bible the source of knowledge imparted by the Sunday School.

In our search among all kinds of books we find none of them so widely read and discussed as is the Bible. We find no other book containing such a wide variety of information, and we find no other book containing the promises of a glorious Eternal Life.

The Sunday School Superintendent should, and can be, a very important instrument in imparting this knowledge. Just as the spark plug is essential in the operation of an automobile, so is the Superintendent essential in this our supreme business of the Sunday School. He should, with the other members of the Nominating Committee, prayerfully select devoted, well-trained teachers, whensoever and wheresoever such teachers are available; he should then support this staff of teachers with his prayers, his daily life, his regular attendance and his general management of the Sunday School.

The Sunday School Teacher can, also, be very instrumental in imparting this knowledge. No other person, not even the Pastor, is faced with such a great opportunity to teach and develop our minds along this line of such high ideals as those set out by our God, in His Holy Word. Then with all our talents let those of us who teach, strive to meet this opportunity successfully. Let's strive to do and teach the will of God.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE R. AUSTIN.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

To make a report on all the merits of the Baptist literature available for use in Sunday Schools, B. T. U's and the Missionary endeavors would take more space than usually allotted in our minutes, so I will confine my report to the Biblical Recorder and Charity & Children.

To be a well informed Baptist, to keep in touch with the Baptist Brotherhood, to know of the work that is being done by our Baptist State Convention and the various branches of that organization, it is necessary to read the Biblical Recorder. There are too few subscribers to the Recorder in the Alexander Association. There are three subscription plans: $2.00 a year for individual subscriptions; $1.50 a year in clubs, or $1.20 a year if every active resident family is in the club.

When we speak of good literature, Charity & Children, the weekly paper published at Thomasville by our Orphanage, gives us, not only

information about our work for the orphans, but editorial material that is most interesting, timely and full of homely philosophy. A number of copies should be taken by every Sunday School in the Association.

I think it is the pastor's job to see that his people have opportunity to subscribe to the Recorder and the Sunday School Superintendent's place to see that Charity & Children gets into the homes of the people.

The Bible is the best literature of all literature and should be read daily. Baptist literature should help us to carry out the commission to learn, to teach, to go.

CHAS. E. ECHERD.

11:50 A. M. Sermon by Rev. H. L. Good. Text, Acts 25:25.

12:25 P. M. Recess and Dinner.

1:30 P. M. Devotion by Rev. Wade Rogers.

MANY WITNESSES (Do for Him) W. M. U. Report by Mrs. Leach Gooden. Discussed by Miss Gwaltney.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY REPORT

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," Acts I:8. So spake our master just before His ascension. We consider the Woman's Missionary Union one of the most effective means of witnessing for Him in keeping with the divine injunction in that it does so by engaging in Home Missions, State Missions, and Foreign Missions. During the past associational year the W. M. U. has administered to the needy, the distressed and the sin sick in our home communities; it has given of its means to further kingdom work in the state, and has sent its contributions to the foreign fields whose doors are still open to mission cries. Awake! women of the Alexander Association, to the pleadings of our Shepherd, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LEACH GOODEN.

1st Missions—Into All the World, by Rev. Howard Ford.

2nd Missions and Evangelism in N. C., by Rev. T. L. Blaylock.

Report adopted by the Association.

The Christian's marching orders are found in Matthew 28:19-20. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Amen." Any one who accetpts this scripture as God's Word must agree that Missions is our Mission.

Southern Baptists will celebrate their Centennial Anniversary in 1945. This celebration will take the form of a Centennial Crusade for all of our churches. We are asked to emphasize Evangelism,

Education, Enlistment, Rehabilitation and Stewardship. These are vital needs. We need evangelistic emphasis in all of our churches. There are many lost people within our reach. We need a strong program of religious education beginning in the home and reaching to our highest institutions of learning. Baptists must enlist their people. "All Our People In All Our Work" is a worthy motto. Furthermore, we need rehabilitation in our world. Everything from moral character to mission property has been lost in this war. By the Grace of God we must rebuild. Finally, we need to emphasize Stewardship. Our Lord expects us to be stewards of time, talents and money. A proper emphasis upon all of the above things will build a great Mission Spirit.

North Carolina and the Alexander Association has a responsibility in this world wide missionary program. We have a mission to the people in our own church communities. We must evangelize other needy sections within our own state, then through our prayers, our offerings, and our very lives we are to go to the uttermost part of the earth with the saving power of Christ.

By HOWARD FORD.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

"The Fight of the Ages Against Alcohol," by E. F. Sullivan. If all the Baptists of our Association could have heard him surely we could and would put it from our midst. The clerk then read a paper which was voted to be placed in the minutes:

Yes, Worse Than Pearl Harbor

When liquor, beer and wine flood our State and Nation—that is worse than Pearl Harbor. When marriage vows are dissolved and expectant mothers assaulted, when children are hungry, cold and homeless because of liquor—that is worse than Pearl Harbor. When justice and righteousness, honor and chastity, manhood and womanhood, love and pity are drowned in the bottle—that is worse than Pearl Harbor. When beer parlors and night clubs, asylums and orphanages, road houses and jail houses are crowded and churches are empty—that looks worse than Pearl Harbor. The Bible raises this question—"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" My Christian friends, is it nothing to you? Churches, is it nothing to you? Oh, God, forgive us. They be our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters, our sons and daughters—we cannot pass them by. Let us think but not drink, and rise in the name of our God and pray and preach, sing and teach, stand together, hang together, work together until our County and State again be dry. Fellow Baptists and Fellow Christians everywhere, this is our task—can we do it? With God's help we are able. We are soldiers of the Cross, we cannot turn back; our brave, bleeding, dying, returning soldiers want a better world—will we help them build it? "They labor in vain who build without God."

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report, which was adopted by the Association:

Time—Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1945.

Place—Stony Point Baptist Church.

Preacher—Rev. Howard Ford.

Alternate—Rev. W. O. Johnson.

We favor a two days session next year, both days at the same church. We also favor a sermon on missions for the second day. To preach the sermon, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.

The Committee on Nominations began its report by Rev. A. E. Watts Moderator. One year ago the Association passed a resolution that no moderator could succeed himself for a period of two years, so that released Rev. Watts. The Committee then nominated:

Moderator—Rev. E. C. Shoe.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. H. L. Good.

Clerk—W. C. Grose.

Treasurer—C. E. Echerd.

Historian—Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.

The above were elected by the Association to serve for the ensuing year.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the retiring Clerk, which was highly appreciated.

Motion to repeal Rev. H. L. Good's motion of last year was defeated.

The following resolution was adopted:

In speaking for the Association, we the Resolutions Committee wish to express our appreciation to the people of the Taylorsville Baptist Church for the exceptionally fine hospitality shown us during this session of the Association.

WAYNE R. AUSTIN,
P. E. JOHNSON.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Program Committee—H. L. Good, Mrs. U. L. Hafer, J. A. Icenhour.

Resolutions Committee—Rev. J. R. Lail, Mrs. C. E. Echerd, Mr. Charlie Cline.

Associational Offificers—Sunday School, Wayne Austin; B. T. U., H. T. Gryder; W. M. U., Mrs. Leach Gooden; V. B. S., Mrs. U. L. Hafer.

7:45 P. M. Devotion by Rev. Jeffie Daniels.

Baptist Training Union discussed by H. T. Gryder.

Relation of Pastor to Church, by Rev. B. F. Peeler. He based his talk on Acts 20:28.

THE RELATION OF PASTOR TO THE CHURCH

Based on Acts 20:28 to 33.

1. What is a Pastor. Overseer or guide or director. He is a **God-called Man.**

2. The qualifications of a Pastor.

(a) He must have a practical knowledge of the scriptures. 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

(b) He is not a boss, but a spiritual leader.

(c) He is one who co-operates with his people.

(d) He is the leader of his flock. (Franc.)

(e) He cares for his people.

(f) He loves them unselfishly.

3. The Pastor watches for the souls of men. Heb. 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls."

4. The Pastor is to feed the Church with sound doctrine. Titus 1:9, "Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince." 2 John, 9, "To abide in the doctrine of Christ."

5. The Pastor is to be faithful to his flock. Prov, 28:20, "A faithful man shall abound." And should render the very best service to his people.

6. The Pastor must teach and preach missions. Matt. 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have comanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

7. The Pastor is not out for personal gain, but to reach lost souls. Acts 20:33.

RELATION OF CHURCH TO PASTOR

By Rev. W. O. Johnson

This subject should be given our prayerful attention.

I. The church should love its pastor. If for any reason there is not full spiritual relationship between the church and pastor, they can not carry on in the great work of God's kingdom. Romans 10:14.

II. The church should not question the spiritual relationship of the pastor, for he is the under shepherd of, and cares for the flock. Jer. 23:4, Heb. 13:17.

III. Like the model home, the son does not question the father's advice and admonition in regard to the problems that arise in the home, he is not afraid of his leadership, therefore he is in obedience to him.

IV. Each member of the church should give account of himself in some way or another, first with his presence at church service. Psa., 122:1, then with prayer, spiritual work and liberal donations of his earthly possessions, I Cor. 16:2, as well as assisting from day to day in administering the Grace of God and helping to evangelize the community served by the church.

Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. JOHNSON.

Spirituality of the Churches, by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, who was not present. The Moderator used his time, subject, "What To Glory In."

The Clerk was authorized to have the minutes, including 1929 through 1944 session of the Association bound in a volume.

Motion of Bro. C. E. Echerd, the Association adjourned till Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1945.

Dismissed by Rev. H. L. Good.

Resolution offered by Rev. E. C. Shoe and adopted by the Association as follows:

Constitution of Churches

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the local church and that the work of the Association is on the volunter and co-operative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual session at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, name a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (with the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give counsel and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has the endorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

Ordination of Ministers

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, name a committee of pastors and deacons to sit in council with a sister church in the matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

Note 1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of their denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper com-

mittee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual session.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to co-operate in the Faith and Work "once for all delivered unto the saints."

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully,

E. C. SHOE.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Constitution of Churches—The Moderator, Rev. E. C. Shoe, appointed A. E. Watts, Chairman. The retiring moderator appointed the balance, namely: H. L. Good, E. V. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, R. Lee Teague.

Ordination of Preachers—E. V. Bumgarner, Chairman, C. J. Poole, H. L. Good, A. E. Watts, W. C. Grose, R. B. McLeod, W. P. Smith.

MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDER ASSOCIATIONAL CONVENTION

Held With Hiddenite Baptist Church, Saturday, April 29th, 1944

Rev. E. C. Shoe, Moderator, and Wayne Austin, Associational Supt.

Theme: "Key Factors For A Greater and Better Sunday School."

Program was discussed by Rev. A. E. Watts and was adopted by vote of the Convention.

Convention was opened by song followed by devotion by Rev. C. J. Pool.

Plans for Our Sunday School Superintendents, by Wayne Austin.

Roll call of churches and results:

	No. Present
Antioch	6
Bethany	8
Bethel	Not represented
Bethlehem	3
Beulah	1
Concord	Not represented
Damascus	4
Dover	1
East Taylorsville	Not represented
Fairview	3
Gay's Chapel	Not represented
Hiddenite	19
Island Ford	Not represented
Lebanon	1
Liledoun	Not represented

Linney's Grove 2
Little River 5
Macedonia ..... Not represented
Millersville ..... Not represented
Mt. Hebron 2
Mt. Herman ..... Not represented
Mt. Nebo ..... Not represented
Mt. Olive 1
Oxford Memorial ..... Not represented
Pilgrim ..... Not represented
Pleasant Hill 2
Pleasant Grove (In afternoon only) 1
Poplar Springs ..... Not represented
Smyrna ..... Not represented
Stony Point 6
Sulphur Springs 4
Taylorsville 3
Taylor Springs ..... Not represented
Three Forks ..... Not represented
White Plains 2

No visitors were present at the Association.

Due to the absence of Mr. Gryder, Rev. H. L. Good spoke first on the Sunday School Superintendent—Key Factor No. 2.

Key Factor No. 1—The Pastor, by H. T. Gryder.

Key Factor No. 3—The Teacher, by W. C. Grose.

Key Factor No. 4—The Class Officers, by Mrs. Ruth Bailey.

Song, "Our Best," by congregation.

Sermon, by Rev. S. A. Stroupe. Subject, "Stewardship." Text, 1st. Cor. 4:2.

Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon—Songs, "I Love To Tell The Story," and "Higher Ground."

The following resolutions were presented:

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the Hiddenite Baptist Church for the use of their beautiful reconditioned church building for the Associational Sunday School Convention, for the beautiful floral offerings, and especially for their fine hospitality. Second, we wish to thank those who made the program possible by their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted by
RAY SHERRILL.

Moved and adopted by the Convention.

Key Factor No. 6—The Bible, by Howard Ford. (This was moved ahead of No. 5 in order that Rev. Ford could keep another appointment.)

Key Factor No. 5—The Folks, by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. Rev. Bumgarner pointed out that less than one-half of the membership of

the Association were attending Sunday School. He suggested that those not attending showed a lack of interest in church affairs, in fact might be lost and certainly needed the prayers of God's people.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN, 1944

The First Baptist Church of Taylorsville has a very interesting history.

It was organized on Oct. 6, 1851, by a presbytery consisting of R. Gentry and R. Lee Steele, with the following members excommunicated from other churches for advocating the cause of missions and temperance, to wit: Rev. Smith Ferguson, who became the first pastor, John W. Jones, J. J. Watts, Isaac Oxford, R. L. Steele, Sion Harrington, Sen., Benjamin Watts, Isaac R. Sherrill, Noah Moose, Sion Harrington, Jr., William B. Jones, John Watts, Larkin H. Jones, Enoch C. Harrington, David W. Moose, James F. Steele, E. R. Harrington, Calvin Jones, Magness Watts, James H. West, A. C. Watts, H. F. Echerd, D. A. Meadows, sisters Mary Steele, Nancy M. Watts, Harriet E. McRee, S. A. Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Lucretia Jones, M. R. Jones, Sarah Ferguson, Mary Hines, Nancy Ferguson, Sarah E. Furguson, Lavancy E. James, Elizabeth Watts, Mary M. James, Lydia Harrington, Margaret C. Harrington, Martha Jones, Eleanor West, Sarah M. Harrington, Sarah Watts, Elizabeth Meadows, Martha Watts, Sophia Moose, Anna E. Echerd, Miriam Jones, Annie Steele, Martha Steele, B. Watts, Rosbury and Elisha, Jacob, David, Rhoda, col. These are all gone to their reward, their warfare having been accomplished, and their children are still carrying on in the the work assigned them here.

For seven years this church belonged to the Taylorsville Association, then to the United Baptist Association, later to the Brushy Mountain and Briar Creek Associations. On the 30th of July, 1887, there was a convention of Baptists called to Three Forks church to discuss organizing the present Alexander Association. The results of this convention was the organization of the Alexander Association at Macedonia Sept. 30, 1887, and has functioned as such till the present.

Taylorsville church has been served by the following pastors: Rev. Smith Ferguson from 1851 to 1861; Rev. F. A. Belcaer from 1861 to 1865. Then W. R. Gwaltney served for some time, then Rev. G. D. Sherrill followed by W. A. Poole and J. B. Marsh. It cannot be determined from the records how long some of these pastors served. Following these the pastorate was filled by Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, Rev. W. A. Poole, J. B. Marsh. It is a matter of memory to this historian that Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, that prince of pulpit orators and mighty exponent of God's eternal truth, served this church in all I think thirty years, closing his pastorate in 1918, when he was followed by this historian, who served in a humble way till Nov. 1933. Rev. C. C. Holland led this people in a very noble and efficient manner till 1941. He was followed by the present pastor, Rev. E. C. Shoe.

The church has been served by the following clerks: L. H. Jones being the first and served three years, then Calvin Jones served till September, 1886, then D. W. Moose who served as clerk till 1885, followed by Bro. N. A. Pope. Bro. J. M. Bowles was made clerk in Aug. 1888, then Bro. C. W. Sower for a time. Bro. J. M. Oxford was made clerk in April, 1890, and served till September, 1891. He was followed by E. C. Sloan who served to Oct., 1906, who was succeeded by A. C. Payne. We discover from other records that Bro. J. L. Gwaltney served as clerk for a time. W. W. Harrington served two years from Oct. 1, 1941, A. C. Cline from Oct. 1943 to present.

Since the organization of this church they have made great advancement along a great many lines. We have been deeply interested in comparing the collections of those days with the present. Their monthly offerings ran from a little more than one dollar to five or upwards. This is quite a contrast to the present three or four figure showing of today. But let us beware lest while we gain in outward splendor and prosperity we lose none of the purity of manners and doctrines held to so tenaciously by our fathers.

E. V. BUMGARNER, Historian.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mrs. Jane Johnson, Mr. Daniel Teague, Deacon George Reid and Mr. Garland White.
Bethany—Mrs. Mary E. Moore.
Bethel—Mr. John F. Snow.
Bethlehem—Mr. James Fox, Mrs. Ada Kaziah, Pvt. Douglass Moretz (killed in action).
Concord—Mrs. Etta Fox, Mr. Clyde Gant, Mr. Albert Gryder.
Damascus—Mr. Edward Goodin, Mrs. Bessie Goodin Sloan, Mr. John F. Wilson.
Dover—Mr. Frank Jackson, Mr. John Teeters, Mr. Joshua White.
Fairview—Mrs. Kate Parker.
Hiddenite—Mrs. W. F. Milstead, Mrs. D. W. Pool, Mr. Fletcher Patterson, Pvt. Howard Matheson, Mr. T. M. Kerley, Mr. Earl Sharpe.
Lebanon—Mr. J. L. Bumgarner, Mr. Lum Watts.
Liledoun—Mrs. Blanche Stafford, Miss Bernice Fincannon.
Linney's Grove—Mr. James F. Bowles, Mrs. Mary E. Linney.
Little River—Mrs. T. H. Crouch.
Macedonia—Miss Biddie Grace Crouch.
Mt. Nebo—Mr. D. R. Clary.
Oxford Memorial—Mrs. Matilda Richards Pennell.
Pilgrim—Deacon J. M. Query.
Pleasant Hill—Deacon Jim I. Jolly, Mr. Lawrence Wike, Mr. Silas W. Harrington.
Pleasant Grove—Deacon John Baker.
Poplar Springs—Mrs. Malissa Brookshire, Mrs. Candace Pool, S-Sgt. Frank Pennell.
Rocky Creek—Mr. B. L. Hubbard, Mr. Cam Holder.
Smyrna—Mr. L. Huffman.
Stony Point—Deacon N. P. Stout, Mr. D. M. Cockrell.
Sulphur Springs—Mr. Lee Hines, Mr. Gilson Davis, Mr. Sanford W. Gwaltney, Mr. Flake Bowles (missing in action over Germany).
Taylorsville—Mr. T. O. Teague, Sr., Mr. Phletus B. Pennell, Mr. Roby B. Smith, Deacon J. L. Gwaltney, Mrs. T. O. Bowman, Mr. Dexter A. Milsaps
Taylor Springs—Mrs Mattie Redmond, Mr. L. T. Lambert.
Three Forks—Pvt. Maynard Childers, Mrs. Molly Childers, Mrs. Fannie Reid.
White Plains—Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Miss Mary Jane Gwaltney.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a report of all the funds that have passed through my hands the past year. CHAS. E. ECHERD, Treasurer.

CHURCHES	Minute Fund	T. L. Blalock	Edwin F. Perry	Baptist Hospital	Orphanage	Chinese Relief	Co-operative Program
Antioch	$ 5.50						
Bethany	3.00	$ 13.52	$ 4.25				
Bethel	2.50						
Bethlehem	6.00	17.15	6.00	$46.50	$25.13	$22.63	$22.88
Beulah	2.00			9.05	9.00		
Concord	1.00						
Damascus	4.50	15.43	32.03			37.65	
Dover	1.25						
East Taylorsville	3.00						
Fair View	5.25						
Gay's Chapel	3.25	4.20					
Hiddenite	5.25					6.00	
Island Ford	1.00						
Lebanon	4.00						
Liledoun	4.50	33.18		40.00			
Linney's Grove	2.00						
Little River	4.00						
Macedonia	4.50						
Millersville	3.00						
Mt. Hebron	1.60	9.28					
Mt. Herman	5.00						
Mt. Nebo	1.50						
Mt. Olive	5.00						
Oxford Memorial	3.00						
Pilgrim	3.00						
Pleasant Grove	5.50						
Pleasant Hill	3.00						
Poplar Springs	1.60						
Rocky Creek	3.50						5.50
Smyrna	3.00						
Stony Point	7.00	19.85					
Sulphur Springs	5.55	75.50					
Taylorsville	10.00						
Taylor Springs	3.25						
Three Forks	5.00	33.50					
White Plains	3.00	31.95					
Total	$135.00	$270.23	$42.28	$95.55	$34.13	$66.28	$28.38

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

CHURCHES	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Total Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members (Incl. Non-Res.)
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	
Antioch	1826	S. A. Stroup, Granite Falls	2 & 4	331	9	2	....	....	....	....	....	4	338
Bethany	1892	C. J. Poole, Pores Knob	3	197	8	....	....	....	4	....	....	1	200
Bethel	1800	J. A. Icenhour, Taylorsville	1	203	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	1	195
Bethlehem	1888	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1 & 3	313	4	2	....	....	13	....	2	3	311
Beulah	1937	James R. Lail, Taylorsville	1 & 3	65	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	64
Concord	1852	Harvey White, Taylorsvlile	1 & 3	180	9	2	....	....	2	....	3	....	186
Damascus	1909	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	2	196	....	2	....	....	2	....	3	3	190
Dover	1833	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	2 & 4	244	8	....	....	....	3	....	....	3	246
East Taylorsville	....	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	2 & 4	200	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	205
Fair View	1922	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5	3	167	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	1	166
Gay's Chapel	1885	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1	94	....	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	92
Hiddenite	1929	H. L. Good, Stony Point	1, 3, 4	132	5	4	....	....	4	....	1	6	130
Island Ford	1897	Harvey White, Taylorsville	1 & 3	29	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	28
Lebanon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Liledoun	1906	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1 & 3	263	13	4	....	....	4	....	....	2	272
Linney's Grove	1895	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	4	150	....	....	....	....	4	....	....	2	144
Little River	....	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1,2,3,4	125	7	2	....	....	2	....	....	1	131
Macedonia	1855	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	2	161	4	4	....	....	2	....	....	1	166
Millersville	1923	James R. Lail, Taylorsville	2 & 4	89	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	88
Mt. Hebron	1915	J. A. Icenhour, Taylorsville	1	155	5	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	160
Mt. Herman	1912	Howard Ford, Wilkesboro	2 & 4	167	13	1	....	....	11	....	....	....	170
Mt. Nebo	1907	R. C. Loyd, Statesville	1 & 3	84	16	3	....	....	3	....	....	1	99
Mt. Olive	1865	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	2 & 4	151	3	2	....	....	5	....	....	....	151
Oxford Memorial	1942	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1 & 3	61	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	59
Pilgrim	1836	W. N. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	1 & 3	151	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	1	147
Pleasant Hill	1852	A. B. Bumgarner, Kannapolis	1 & 3	196	14	6	....	....	4	....	....	3	209
Pleasant Grove	1900	G. D. White, Statesville	2	130	3	....	....	....	5	....	....	1	127
Poplar Springs	1872	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	'1	178	4	1	....	....	3	....	....	3	177
Rocky Creek	1940	J. W. Eldreath, Jefferson	4	44	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	2	46
Smyrna	1923	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	1 & 3	95	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	95
Stony Point	1909	H. L. Good, Stony Point	1,2,3,4	347	5	13	....	....	7	....	....	2	356
Sulphur Springs	1867	G. D. White, Statesville	3	204	1	8	....	....	1	....	1	4	207
Taylorsville	1851	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	1,2,3,4	400	1	4	....	....	9	....	....	6	390
Taylor Springs	1852	G. D. White, Statesville	1	280	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	278
Three Forks	1857	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1 & 3	377	2	3	....	....	7	....	....	3	372
White Plains	1912	J. C. Gwaltney, Kannapolis	3	271	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	2	272

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll 3 and Under	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptisms From Sunday School
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt. 2		20	15	30	30	25	60	180	82	7
Bethany	Homer Costner, Pores Knob									35	8
Bethel	V. K. Bentley, Taylorsville, Rt. 3		14		12		15	14	55	40	
Bethlehem	T. B. Wagner, Taylorsville, Rt. 1		7	16	12	16	10	28	86	48	3
Beulah	J. L. Rufty, Taylorsville		30		15	16		21	82	55	
Concord	Lester Fox, Taylorsville, Rt. 3			8	12	10		15	50	28	
Damascus	C. E. King, Hiddenite, N. C.		5	10	5	15	15	15	65	40	
Dover	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, R 2		5		12	12		15	44	30	
East Taylorsville	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville										
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite									49	
Gay's Chapel	A. D. McIntyre, Statesville, Rt. 1		16		16	22		24	78	42	
Hiddenite	Harlan Lackey, Hiddenite	5	13	13	14	17	5	38	107	73	5
Island Ford	A. V. Byers, Statesville, Rt. 2	25	5		9		5	6	26	17	
Lebanon											
Liledoun	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville	19		26	23	22		30	120	80	
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite								75	54	
Little River	Alonzo Davis, Pores Knob	6	13		9		10	26	64	64	6
Macedonia	J. P. Mecimore, Taylorsville	6	8	10	10	16	15	20	86	50	2
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville		10		5			20	59	25	
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wike, Pores Knob										
Mt. Herman	J. C. Keller, Taylorsville	23	23	16	23	15	25	25	150	76	13
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite		15				15	18	48	29	
Mt. Olive	D. F. Lowe, Pores Knob		8		12		15	12	52	47	3
Oxford Memorial	Millard Brookshire, Lenoir, Rt. 2										
Pilgrim	M. G. Mayberry, New Hope	11	12	9	14	12	26	44	128	69	
Pleasant Hill	Tommy Daniels, Taylorsville		24		19	24	43	32	149	47	8
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville	6		13		10	7	26	62	25	
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville		17		12		12	15	60	50	4
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob			6		7	5	9	27	26	1
Smyrna	Charlie Cline, Taylorsville, Rt. 1			6	10	10		4	30	30	2
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt. 6	8	21	19	40	45	12	75	220	126	5
Sulphur Springs	Earl Lackey, Hiddenite		17	13	21	7	20	56	136	70	1
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	19	7	25	16	42	10	77	196	85	1
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope		9		24	14		14	61	45	
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville		25		16	28	25	60	154	88	2
White Plains	Reece Childers, Taylorsville		14	13	18		29	26	101	40	

GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building & Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church and S. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Purposes
Antioch	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	$334.48	$102.35	$1421.82		$100.17	$102.09	$14.10	$5.50	$121.42	$2201.93
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	181.55	42.00	392.00					3.00		619.55
Bethel	E. F. Milsaps, Hiddenite	180.00	50.00					32.00	2.15	145.00	409.15
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville	840.37	65.00			30.00	47.97	17.25	6.00	1361.00	2367.59
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville	180.00	34.20	34.30		39.81	25.06		2.00		315.37
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	358.53	44.00			25.00		10.70			606.08
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville	398.60				18.60	26.17		4.50	1.00	448.27
Dover	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville	361.07	71.88			15.00	24.52	79.81	1.25	3.88	557.41
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Harold Price, Taylorsville	553.70		251.59		25.61	30.25	2.50	3.00	19.65	886.35
Fair View	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	286.05				32.00	25.32		5.25	40.00	388.62
Gay's Chapel	W. G. Ellis, Statesville	170.00	41.35			12.00	17.33	15.00	3.25	78.79	377.72
Hiddenite	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite	1017.00	17.66	1175.80		283.61	121.09		5.25		2620.41
Island Ford	A. V. Byers, Statesville	181.32	26.00	490.80		25.60	10.70		1.00	118.31	853.83
Lebanon	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	336.00					12.00		2.00		350.00
Liledoun	James Teague, Taylorsville	457.00	63.36	263.30					4.50		787.91
Linney's Grove	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite	256.19				9.60			2.00		267.79
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	900.00	92.00			34.60		83.00	4.00		1111.60
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	413.04	113.09	310.00		15.00	12.00		4.50		867.63
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville	270.00	62.00	88.69		16.35	21.93		3.00	95.00	566.97
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	272.39	82.43			9.60	18.00		1.60	6.50	390.52
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	605.00	100.00	168.70		42.61	110.81	24.00	5.00		1056.18
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	265.20	120.00				17.00			10.00	412.20
Mt. Olive	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	420.75	110.70			9.60	32.49		5.00	13.74	592.98
Oxford Memorial	Edith Caldwell, Taylorsville	299.94	64.75	473.17			32.40	85.12	3.00		958.38
Pilgrim	Leslie Millsaps, New Hope	200.00					36.70		3.00	28.65	268.35
Pleasant Hill	Raymond Harrington, Taylorsville	475.83						42.38	3.00	189.56	710.17
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	458.10	80.00	267.06		9.80	19.16	50.00	5.50	20.65	910.27
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville	411.00	122.08				15.00			83.48	632.56
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	165.52	77.80				5.77	48.73			297.82
Smyrna	J. S. Teague, Taylorsville	220.00	35.00			23.00	46.50		3.00	1.00	327.50
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville	1600.84	115.00	145.51	$900.00	218.72	149.38	49.98	7.00	1604.30	4790,73
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	563.70				15.00	71.00		5.55	997.76	1572.76
Taylorsville	A. C. Cline, Taylorsville	1730.50	75.90		462.00	339.70	132.02		10.00	66.75	2816.87
Taylor Springs	Kenneth Redmon, New Hope	280.67	102.00			23.00	15.00		3.25		423.92
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1132.00	127.25			13.35	224.71	15.00	5.00	176.07	1693.38
White Plains	Reece Childers, Taylorsville	283.17				4.80		15.00		39.00	341.97

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Ministers' Retirement Fund	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Other Objects	(Missions) Total given for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.
Antioch	$52.00	$2.00	$11.98	$5.00	$12.00	$72.85	$89.52	$10.40	$27.00	$ 8.80	$291.55
Bethany				7.75	25.84	61.80	22.00				117.39
Bethel				18.93		15.65					34.58
Bethlehem			28.87		17.15	53.11	46.50		22.63	8.50	171.26
Beulah						9.00	26.91				35.91
Concord					15.75	2.00	4.50			15.45	38.75
Damascus			32.03		89.22	68.28	41.82			37.65	269.00
Dover			1.00	4.00	4.00	38.87	8.10			7.02	62.99
East Taylorsville					15.00	36.50	41.00		15.00	1.00	108.50
Fair View					20.76	86.64	27.35			24.60	159.35
Gay's Chapel					24.56	28.99	14.10			2.00	69.65
Hiddenite			116.45	79.19	21.76	194.23	52.46				464.09
Island Ford											
Lebanon					20.00	22.54	32.00		3.00		374.04
Liledoun					41.69		40.00				81.69
Linney's Grove					12.14	19.01	18.64				49.79
Little River				25.00	37.14	21.76	22.08				105.98
Macedonia						43.36	25.25				68.61
Millersville							7.50			8.50	16.00
Mt. Hebron					11.68	33.00	9.00				53.68
Mt. Herman				32.25	13.25	94.00	75.00		50.00	7.00	271.50
Mt. Nebo							6.50				6.50
Mt. Olive				75.60		70.25	26.25		8.50		180.60
Oxford Memorial						31.30	20.42				51.72
Pilgrim					9.00		22.25				31.25
Pleasant Hill						30.50	13.15				43.65
Pleasant Grove					154.00	37.40	34.56				225.96
Poplar Springs											
Rocky Creek			5.50		4.02	5.26	12.70				27.48
Smyrna	108.00		4.20			47.20	11.00	12.20			182.60
Stony Point	211.09		61.76		13.65	279.22	132.24				697.96
Sulphur Springs					82.21	118.17					197.38
Taylorsville	135.70		37.60			176.22	141.96			396.72	888.20
Taylor Springs					29.47	22.35	16.61				68.43
Three Forks					44.82	90.00	16.00				150.82
White Plains				32.14		61.00	12.00				105.14

BAPTIST TRAINING UNIONS OF ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions & Story H.	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Enrolled Unions & S. H.	No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers	Students in College From Your Church
Antioch	Jay Hollar, Granite Falls	1	....	1	1	1	4	8	....	22	10	6	46	14	17	....	....
Stony Point	Lindell Steele, Stony Point	1	....	1	1	1	4	7	....	23	12	10	62	10	19	42	3
Taylorsville	H. T. Gryder, Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	....	4	4	3	2	2	....	11	....	....	....	4

W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS OF ALEXANDER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. S.	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Antioch	Mrs. V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	1	....	....	....	1	12	....	....	....	12	.....	$30.00	$50.00
Hiddenite	.....	1	1	1	....	3	22	10	14	....	46	.....	145.56	138.25
Stony Point	Mrs. J. P. Watts, Stony Point	2	1	1	1	5	32	18	14	10	74	10	8.50	192.30
Taylorsville	Mrs. J. M. Childers, Taylorsville	1	1	2	1	5	90	6	14	16	126	.....	545.73	482.77

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Baptist Association

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Homer L. Good ..... Clerk

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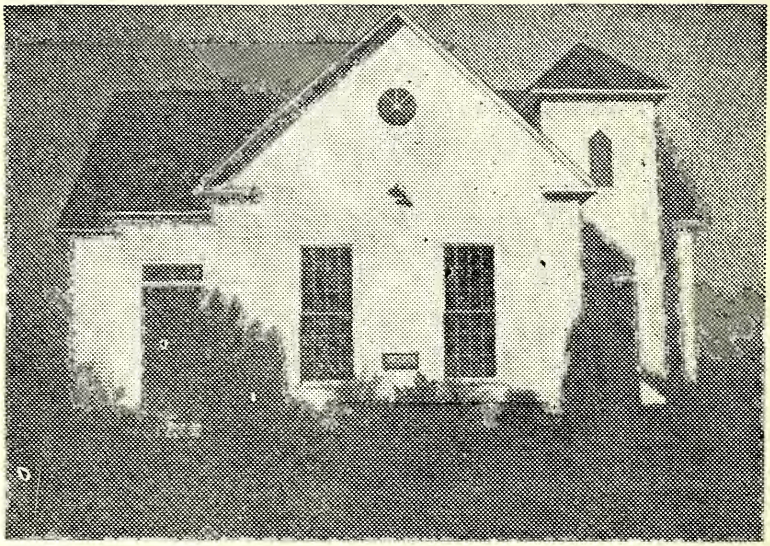
To Preach Annual Sermon ..... Rev. Rogers C. Gwaltney

Alternate ..... Rev. E. V. Bumgarner

To Preach Missionary Sermon ..... Rev. A. E. Watts



STONY POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Stony Point, North Carolina

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I. Appointed to serve this session
   1. Time, Place, Preacher
      A. C. Payne, Theodore Wagnor, Charles Carrigan.
   2. Nominations
      Vance Teague, James R. Lail, Howard Ford.
   3. Resolutions
      B. F. Peeler, J. A. Icenhour, Mrs. Vance Teague.

II To serve until next session
   1. Program
      Host Pastor, Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney, Wayne Austin.
   2. Digest of letters
      C. E. Echerd, W. O. Johnson, S. I. Watts.
   3. Constitution of Churches
      A. E. Watts, B. F. Peeler, H. L. Good, A. C, Payne, Jeffie Daniels.
   4. Ordination of Ministers
      E. V. Bumgarner, W. O. Johnson, J. R. Lail, W. P. Smith, Grover Chatham.

OFFICERS

Moderator—A. C. Payne, Taylorsville, N. C.
Vice-Moderator—E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—Homer L. Good, Stony Point, N. C.
Treasurer—C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville, N. C.
Historian—E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.
Sunday School—Wayne Austin, Taylorsville, N. C.
B. T. U.—Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville, N. C.
Vacation Bible School—Miss Annie Baker, Stony Point, N. C.
W. M. U.—Mrs. Leach Gooden, Hiddenite, N. C.

LIST OF MESSENGERS 1945 SESSION

Antioch—W. R. Austin, V. W. Teague, Bob Munday, Carris Austin, Mrs. V. W. Teague, Mrs. W. R. Austin.
Bethany—Ray Hayes, Floyd Henderson
Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, V. K. Bentley, C. G. Gilreath, W. V. Campbell, B. C. Millsaps, Willie Johnson, J. V. Barnette, C. E. Carson.
Bethlehem—R. Lee Teague, T. B. Wagner, Howard Teague, Clyde Bowman, Fred Teague, Fred Davis.
Beulah—J. A. Webster, Hester Teague, Estner Webster.
Concord—N. R. Martin, Lester Fox, E. C. Martin, Elbert Price Mrs. Pearl Rector, Mrs. Ola Alexander.

Damascus—T. B. Johnson, G. S. Pharr, Maggie McLain, R. N. Sloan, R. A. Wilson, Floyd Sloan.

East Taylorsville—L. C. Bostian, Mrs. S. G. Earp, Clint Icenhour, Mack Barlow, Mrs. Harold Price, Mrs. Tom Carrigan, Mrs.. Butler Chapman.

Fairview—J. W. Querry, F. H. Fox, J. K. Looper

Gays Chapel—G. L. Deal, Z. V. Poole, E. Y. Cashion, Mrs. G. L. Deal, A. G. Starrette, Mrs. E. Y. Cashion.

Hiddenite—Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney, Mrs. Bryan Matlock, Mrs. Leach Gooden, R. L. Grant, R. M. Grant.

Island Ford—J. H. Byess, A. V. Byess, Ross Johnson.

Liledoun—T. F. Keever, Mack Little, Vance Stafford, Rowe Chapman, Hubert Fincannon, Jay Jenkins, Chester Smith.

Linneys Grove—W. F. McLain, S. D. Gwaltney, Lee Childers.

Little River—L. W. Davis, W. C. Deal, H. L. Orren

Leabnon—Esco Robinette, Carl Fortner, G. W. Bumgarner.

Macedonia—W. P. Smith, Charles Carrigan, Sam Benfield, Caris Icenhour, Lewis Mecimore, John Matheson.

Millersville—G. B. Thompson, E. C. Long, Mrs. Foy Icenhour, Mrs. Nola Fox, Willie Crouch, Miss Edna Warren.

Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Waitsel Wike, Carl Deal.

Mt. Herman—P. E. Johnson, J. C. Keller, L. C. Echerd, R. C. Johnson, Clyde Teague, W. C. Stine.

Mt. Nebo—J. R. Burgess, Elbert Christopher, C. L. Boston, Lex Hammer, J. T Christopher, M. M. Christopher, C A. Burgess.

Mt. Olive—R. T. Lowe, E. J. Deal, D. E. Davis.

Oxford Memorial—Edith Caldwell, Pender Caldwell, Clarence Caldwell

Pilgrim—Paul Mayberry, B. W. Brewer, D. G. Bunton.

Pleasant Hill—Homer Daniels, Mrs. Homer Daniels, Mrs. Fred Harrington, Jeffie Daniels, Mrs. Jeffie Daniels.

Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, Lincoln Childers, Lee Sherrill.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Carl Robinette, Butler Chapman.

Rocky Creek—Wilborn Anderson, Chester Lowe, Hubert Hawn, Ray Parleik, Ruby Lowe, Pauline Anderson, Ruby Parleik.

Smyrna—Q. L. Frye, Fred W. Teague, Everette Teague, Miss Faye Teague, Miss Ruth Teague.

Stony Point—J. P. Watts, Lee Martin, Mrs. Lee Martin, Mrs. Edna Parker, Mrs. J. B. Cashion, Mrs. C. W. Combs, Mrs. Emmit Smith.

Sulphur Springs—Fred Gwaltney, George Lackey, S. F. Cook.

Taylorsville, First—A C. Payne, H. T. Gryder, Mrs. U. L. Hafer, C. E. Echerd, Gussie Bumgarner, A. C. Harrington.

Taylor Springs—D. L. Williams, B. D. Mayberry, Kenneth

Redman, E. D. Wilborn, Glenn Mayberry, D. C. Thompson.
Three Forks—W. J. Rogers, E. C. Johnson, R. W. Childers.
White Plains—Wade Rogers

VISITORS ENROLLED

L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh, N. C., M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill, N. C., W. C. Reed, Kinston, N. C., Mrs. H. H. King, Statesville, N. C., Miss Doris Jean Christenbury, Wingate, N. C., Miss Mary C. Austin, Wingate, N. C., Miss Margot Guimes, Wingate, N. C., C. C. Burris, Wingate, N. C., Miss Kitty Shoeneman, Wingate, N. C., Miss Dina Dominguey, Wingate, N. C., Miss Virginia, McQueen, Wingate, N. C., C. E Parker, Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Blalock, Statesville, Ernest A. Rufty, Stony Point, N. C., Mrs. J. T. Ward, Lenoir, N. C., Mrs. Earl L. Bradley, Raleigh, N. C., J. M. Good Statesville, N. C., Mrs. J. M. Good, Statesville, N. C., J. B. Willis Hamlet, N. C., T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia, N. C., Paul Reese, Statesville, N. C., W. Luther Hawkins, Cherryville, N. C., Mrs. T. H. Cline, Morganton, N. C., W. H. Williams, Charlotte, N C., Miss Willa Marks, Statesville, N. C., R. C. Lloyd, Statesville, N. C. C. C. Holland, Statesville, N. C., W. Lawson Allen ,Boiling Springs, N. C., H. W. Baucom, Jr., Statesville, N. C., R, H, Satterfield, Raleigh, N. C., Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville, N. C., and Mrs. Mozelle Watts, Wingate, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

1. The 58th session of the Alexander Baptist Association, meeting with Stony Point Baptist church on October 10-11 was called to order at 10:00 a. m. October 10 by Rev. E. C. Shoe, Moderator.

2. The opening hymn was "Amazing Grace" and the devotional period was led by Rev. Wade Rogers.

3. The roll call of Churches revealed that 35 of the 37 churches were represented, and upon motion these messengers and others to come to constitute the association.

4. The following program, prepared by the Program Committee was adopted.

WEDENESDAY MORNING

Theme: Building The Church To Secure The Peace Throughout The World.

10:00—Praise and Prayer—Wade Rogers.

10:10—Roll Call of Churches and Enrollment.

Adoption of Program.

Recognition of New Pastors and Visitors.

Appointment of Committees.

Welcome by Host Pastor.

10:30—Building Through Our Cooperative Work—M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, N. C.

11:00—The Future of Missions—Miss Willa Marks, Associational Worker

11:20—Congressional Singing.

11:25—Miscellaneous Business.

11:30—Annual Sermon—Howard J. Ford.

12:15—Noon Recess.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Building Within Our State—W. O. Johnson.

1:40—Christian Education—P. L. Elliott, President, Garner-Webb College.

2:00—Christian Literature—L. L. Carpenter, Editor, Biblical Recorder.

2:20—Hospital—Charles E. Parker, Chaplain, Baptist Hospital.

2:40—Orphanage—B. F. Peeler.

3:00—Congregational Singing.

3:05—Miscellaneous Business.

3:15—Temperance—I. G. Greer, Superintendent, Baptist Hospital.

Adjourn.

Thursday Morning
Building Within The Local Church

10:00—Praise and Prayer—James Lail.
10:00—The Sunday School—Wayne Austin.
10:30—The W. M. U.—Mrs. U. L Hafer.
10:50—The B. T. U.—Howard Gryder.
11:10—Worship Service—A. E. Watts.
11:30—Missionary Sermon—E. V. Bumgarner.
12:15—Noon Recess.

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Praise and Prayer—Jeffie Daniels.
1:40—Report on Committees.
Election of Officers.
Miscellaneous Business.
2:10—Making Place For Our Returned Service men—Mr Wm. H. Williams, Charlotte, N. C.
2:40—Closing Meditation—H. W. Baucum, Jr., Pastor, Western Avenue, Statesville, N. C.
Adjourn.

5. The Moderator appointed the Committees listed on another page.

6. Rev. H. L. Good, host pastor, extended words of welcome saying: "In behalf of the Stony Point Baptist church I take opportunity to extend to you the warmest of welcomes. Addrsses of welcome at times may be commonplace and taken by many as a matter of course and insincere; but this welcome does come from the depths of our hearts.

Whether you come from the city, the most remote rural sections, you are equally welcome.

It is our aim to make your visit a most pleasant one, if things are not as you expected you will remember the poets words "To err is human; to forgive divine."

When you leave us, we shall be a bigger and better church for your having been our guests."

7. Visitors were welcomes by Moderator Shoe. The list of our visitors on another page.

8. At 10:30 the organization completed, Rev. Earl Bradley, State Missionary, of Raleigh, spoke on "God's Kingdom."

9. Miss Willa Marks, Associational Worker for the Alexander and South Yadkin Associations, at 11:00 a. m. spoke on "The Future of Missions".

The hour having arrived for the Annual Sermon, Rev.

Howard J. Ford, pastor of Mt. Herman church, preached on the subject, "Our Missions" John 20:23.

11.00 At 12:15 the Association recessed for noon and enjoyed a bountiful dinner as guests of Stony Point church. Rev. J. B. Willis of Hamlet expressed our thanks to God.

Wednesday Afternoon

12. After a song, "Higher Ground", the devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. C. Holland, pastor of Front Street Baptist Church, Statesville, in the absence of W. O. Johnson. Brother Holland read from First Corinthians Chapter 3, and then called upon Bro. S. I. Watts to lead in prayer.

13. At this time the Sextet from Wingate Junior College gave an inspiring and peculiarly fitting song, "Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee".

14. Christian Education.

In the absence of P. E. Elliott, W. Lawson Allen of Garner-Webb College spoke intelligently of the necessity of having our schools founded and conducted under proper environment. A most able and appealing address.

15. At this time Moderator E. C. Shoe recognized the following College representatives: Wingate, C. C. Burris, Meredith, R. H. Satterfield, Wake Forest, J. B. Willis, Editor L. L. Carpenter of the Recorder stood for Campbell, the only school not having a representative. Each of these brethern spoke briefly.

16. Christian Literature.

Christian Literature was discussed by L. L. Carpenter, in a very able and effective manner. Hiddenite is the only church that has the Recorder going into the homes of every resident family. Dr. Carpenter urged more of the churches of Alexander Association to adopt this plan.

Christian Literature

Literature has always played a great part in shaping the life of the people. Christians should give diligence to reading, much reading would keep us informed. When Christians fail to inform themselves they fail to perform as they should. Information is an essential part of inspiration. "Where no vision is the people perish" and where no reading is there can be no vision. One of the most pertinent questions for our day in regard to printed matter is "how readest thou"?

The Biblical Recorder should be in all our Baptist homes. In it there is something for every member of the family; it is in reach of every home; and every home can afford it—in fact,

the home is poorer without the Recorder. There are only two churches in our association out of 37 that have the Recorder going into every home. They are: Hiddenite and Smyrna. A few other churches have clubs, but many of our people have never seen the Recorder. All pastors get the Recorder as a compliment, surely they should incourage it in their churches. In clubs the Recorder will go to the home for 12 1-2c per month, and then Every-Family plan for 10c per month.

Then we have the Charity and Children, THE COMMISSION, and HOME MISSION magazine—all of these are in reach of all our people. Our people need guidance in their reading matter. The question of long ago might be asked, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" and the same answer would be given, "how can I except someone guide me?" Pastors, if you would have your people follow you then read, and plead, and lead.

Respectfull,
E. C. Shoe

17. Baptist Hospital

Charles E. Parker, Baptist Hospital brought a very fine message. Brother Parker urged that we endeavor to increase our gifts to the Hospital.

Report on N. C. Baptist Hospital.

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient May 28, 1923. Only a 100-bed institution at first, it has now grown to 247 beds and 55 bassinets. Since its beginning the hospital has rendered singular service to all classes, especially to the poor.

With the Bowman-Gray school of medicine now linked up with the hospital greater service is offered to all classes. The hospital now has one of the fullest approved schools of nursing in the South, with 150 young ladies enrolled. Of the 8,000 bed patients each year, 4,000 are service patients. In 1944 about 3,000 of these patients paid nothing for their hospitalization. In addition to these free patients the hospital gave diagnostic examinations to around 20,000 free patients who are not admitted, thus rendering $198,648.92 worth of free service in 1944.

Our hospital ranks with the top in the nation, for which we are grateful. There is felt a deep religious atmosphere along with the ministery of healing at our hospital. We have a full-time chaplain and student secretary, made possible largely by the genrosity of Mr. C. M. Scott of High Point, N. C.

Patients not only find relief and health in our hospital but they find Christ and happiness, some even dedicate their lives to higher Christian service.

Our Mother's Day offering has gone beyond the $100,000 mark this year. Let every church in our association have a part in this "'grace" also, even as Christ who is our example would do. With Peter may we say, "In the Name of Christ rise up and walk."

Respectfully,
E. C. Shoe

18. The Wingate Trio sung, "Beneath The Cross of Jesus".
19. The Orphanage.

The report on the Orphanage was read by B. F. Peeler, and after a brief discussion by Bro. Peeler, the report was adopted.

OUR BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Wars may come and go, we may sign treaties of pace, and establish world tribunals, but the homeless child is ever with us. Wars have always been hazardous to homes and to childhood. During the past two years, many children have been born in this country who have never seen, and who never will see their fathers. These fathers have given their last full measure of devotion in the service of their country.

During the past year, in spite of the tremendous increased cost of living, we cared for approximately 700 children in the Mills Home and Kennedy Home.

It costs $675.00 per day to care for the large family now in the orphanage.

We the Alexander Association are canning 2400 cans of fruit for the orphanage this year.

We urge that each church in this association contribute one monthly offering to the orphanage and at Thanksgiving.

They all receive special training with the two institutions made a home as near as possible to all that live within its walls. So far as history shows from these records of these two institutions there has not been a single boy or girl that has gone out from these institutions that has fallen in life—they all have made good. How many individual homes can claim this record? I fear that if a check was made that there would be several individual homes that could not measure up to this record.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Peeler

20. The moderator recommended that we have Orphanage representative in our Association to deliver fruit collections and other services if needed. The name of Boyd Moose was submitted, and upon motion was elected.

21. The Moderator called attention to this being the 80th birthday of Rev. T. L. Blalock. Brother Blalock spoke words of thanks to the people of Alexander Association. He then expressed his desire to return to China, as soon as a way could be opened.

22. The Trio from Wingate gave a very fine number in song, "Holy Ghost With Light Divine".

23. Temperance.

A very inspiring address by Rev. A. C. Reid, of the Orphanage was given. The discussion of Orphanage and Temperance was combined. The discourse by A. C. Reid was timely and appealing.

24. After the message on Temperance a closing prayer was led by Bro. Bumgarner.

Thursday Morning

25. At 10:00 the moderator called the meeting to order. "Draw Me Nearer", was sung for the opening song.

26. Rev. James R. Lail was not present. The devotional was scripture given by members present for the morning service, Chaplain Rogers C. Gwaltney lead in prayer.

27. The Sunday School superintendent, Wayne Austin, read the report on Sunday School work. The work of the Sunday School was very abely discussed by Bro. Austin. The report was adopted.

28. Mrs. U. L. Hafer, was presented and read her report on Woman's work and after a very effective discussion of the work by her, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

Stimulating Missions Through Our Young People

The problems and difficulties of our day accentuate the need for missions. We cannot stand idly by as the careless world attracts, without making our best effort to win young women for missions.

The interest of every Baptist woman in our church and community should be enlisted and directed in the interests of Kingdom strategy. The energies of the Young People cannot long be restrained, but we can control the channels into which they flow. They seek companionship in an abnormal

society; organized missionary societies, offer wholesome and satisfying friendships with other Christian women. It opens the door to a world wide Christian fellowship. Women should do definite soul-winning as never before in the history of the Alexander Association.

We seek the interest, the thinking, the out look and activity other young women that we may guide her into Christ like living in her own personal life and in relation to those with whom she comes in contact in her community and to the ends of the earth.

What is your church doing for Young Womanhood and Missions?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Leach Gooden

29. The congregation was led in singing, "Take Time To Be Holy".

30. The worship service was discussed in a most able way by Rev. A. E. Watts. Bro. Watts called attention to Sacred Music, Giving of Self, Preaching the Word, Guidance of the Holy Spirit There was no written report on worship.

31. At this time congregation sung, "Trust and Obey".

32. The Baptist Training Union report was read and discussed by Mr. Howard Gryder, of Taylorsville. There is a great need for more training unions in our Association. Only three of the thirty-six churches have B. T. U.

33. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, who was not present to preach the missionary sermon. The moderator recognized Chaplain Rogers C. Gwaltney, who gave a very fine address on the Chaplains work. It was well received by all present.

34. The noon day meal was prepared and served on the vacant lot near the church by the ladies of Stony Point church.

Thursday Afternoon

35. The Moderator called the Association to order at 1:30.

36. "Jesus Calls Us, was sung by the congregation. Mr. Jeffie Daniels, conducted the devotional. The scripture Eph. 5:1-20. Prayer by Mr. Daniels.

37. Vance Teague, chairman of the committee on nominations, reported and recommended the election of A. C. Payne, moderator, E. V. Bumgarner, vice moderator, Homer L. Good, clerk. The report is adopted. A list of the other officers will be found on another page.

38. The committee on resolutions through its chairman, B. F. Peeler, made its report which was adopted.

Be it resolved that the Association extend a vote of thanks to the Stony Point Baptist church and the community for the gracious and generous hospitality and the bountiful table provided each day. We pray God's blessings upon the Church and community.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Icenhour
Mrs. Vance W. Teague
B. F. Peeler

39. A. C. Payne from the committee on time, place and preacher reported that the 1946 session of the Association be held with Damascus church on the first day, and Three Forks church on the second day, and that Rogers C. Gwaltney, preach the annual sermon with E. V. Bumgarner, as the alternate. A. E. Watts to preach the Missionary sermon on the second day. The report was adopted.

40. The Treasurer of the Association, C. E. Echerd read his report which is adopted.

41. At this time Association voted to change the election of officers to the afternoon of the first day.

42. Dr. William H. Williams, of Prichard Memorial Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C., spoke on "Making Place For Our Returned Service Men." This was an outstanding address and was well received by all present.

43. Following the address by Dr. Williams, the names of the men from Alexander Association who gave their lives in World War II were read. After this Dr. Williams lead in prayer. One could not help but feel God's presence as this great man of the Lord prayed.

44. "They Without Us Shall Not Be Perfect", was discussed by Rev. Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., of Statesville, Mr. Baucom read from Hebrews eleven and lifted the people to higher ground as he so ably presented great truths.

45. The retiring moderator, E. C. Shoe, expresses his grateful appreciation for the honor confered in naming him as the presiding officer for the last two years.

46. A. C. Payne spoke words of deep gratitude for this honor and accepted the responsibility as moderator, pledging his best service to the Association and the cause.

47. The congregation sung "God Be With You." At this time the prayer and benediction by T. L. Bialock.

The Association stands adjourned at three thirty o'clock.

E. C. Shoe, Moderator
H. L. Good, Clerk

In Memorium

1945

"Neither can they die anymore, for they are equal unto the angels; and are children of God, being the children of the resurrection".—Luke 20: 36.

Antioch:—Mr Edward Stafford, Mr. Warren Hollar, Mr. Charles Hollar.

Bethel:—Mrs. Ida Mullis, Mrs. Mary Jane Childers, Mr. Stacy Hendren.

Bethlehem:—Mrs. Martha Wagnor.

Beulah:—Deacon Ernest Webster.

Concord:—Filmore Rector, Mrs. Grace Dixson, Mrs. Mary Rector.

Damascus:—Mr. M. G. Sloan, Deacon A. A. Leach, Mr. A. Ben Martin

Dover:—Mrs. Frank Myers.

Fairview:—Mrs. Katy Mitchell.

Gays Chapel:—Mrs. Z. V. Poole.

Lebanon:—Mrs. E. E. Kerley.

Macedonia:—Miss Martha Drum, Mr. Osa Mecimore.

Millersville:—Deacon G. W. Stafford.

Mt. Hermon:—Mr. Mack Pennell.

Mt.Nebo:—Mr. W. V. Blankenship, Mr. J. M. Burgess, Mr. W. W. Payne, Mrs. Exie L. King.

Mt. Olive:—Mrs. Mary Ann Russell.

Pilgrim:—Miss Ira Mayberry, Miss Louise Millsaps.

Poplar Springs:—Mr. A. Carter Land.

Stony Point:—Mrs. Robert Hammer, Mrs. John Hammer, Mrs. R. L. Chamberlain, Mr. Eugene Fox.

Sulphur Springs:—Mr. Robert L. Lackey, Mr. George Henry Hines.

Taylorsville, First:—Mr. W. S. Hendren.

Taylor Springs:—Mr. J. N. Baker, Mr. Burley Mayberry, Mrs. I. H. Jordon, Mrs. B. D. Mayberry.

Three Forks:—Mr. Walter Childers, Mr. W. A. Teague, Mr. W. W. Orren.

White Plains:—Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mrs. Etta Stikeleather, Miss Pauline Little.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

It is with pleasure we report the fifty eighth session of the Alexander Association held with Stony Point Baptist church, October 10 and 11th. The fellowship was sweet and the messages were challenging and inspiring; the hospitality of the people was generous and bountiful.

Stony Point Baptist Church was organzied October third 1909 by a presbytery consisting of Elders J. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner, and D. W. Poole with a charter membership of twenty-three. L. P. Gwaltney, was elected her first pastor and served until failing health compelled him to retire from active ministry in November 1918. He was succeeded by E. V. Bumgarner who served till November 1932. C. C. Holland for several years led this people in a very fine and efficient way. Then J. D. Whisant came to the pastorate and served till declining health compelled him to resign all his work and take a years rest. After his resignation the church called Rev. Homer L. Good, the present pastor; under whose faithful ministry the church is going forward in every way. The present membership is three hundred and eighty-three.

The following brethern have served as church clerks—A. W. White, W. Y. Ball, W. C. Grose and W. M. Watts the present clerk.

This church has a splendid furnace heated plant with ample Sunday School rooms valued at six thousand dollars and a pastors home valued at three thousand five hundred.

Those lost to us in death during the past year will appear with others of the entire association on another page.

E. V. Bumgarner, Historian.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Antioch:

Pastor—E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—V. W. Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—Earl Cline, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, N. C.
W. M. U. President—Mrs. V .W. Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.

Bethany

Pastor—L. T. Younger, New Hope, N. C.
Clerk—C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob, N. C.
Treasurer—C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Edd Hendren, Pores Knob, N. C.

Bethel

Pastor—J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, N. C.
Clerk—E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, N. C.
Treasurer—E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, N. C.

S. S. Superintendent—V. K. Bentley, Taylorsville, N. C.

Bethlehem

Pastor—A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—Arthur Bowman, Hickory, N. C. Route.
S. S. Superintendent—Roy Sherrill, Granite, Falls, N. C.

Beulah

Pastor—James Lail, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—J. A. Webster, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer— Bertha Vickers, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Namox Brookshire, Taylorsville.

Concord

Pastor—Harvey White, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—N. R. Martin, Stony Point, N. C.
Treasurer—N. R. Martin, Stony Point, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Lester Fox, Taylorsville, N. C.

Damascus

Pastor—A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—Maggie McLain, Statesville, N. C. Route 2.
Treasurer—Maggie McLain, Statesville, N. C., Route 2.
S. S. Superintendent—R. A. Wilson, Statesville, N C., Rt. 2.

Dover

Pastor—Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—Dick White, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—Dalphne Mooney, Taylorsville, N. C.

Fairview

S. S. Superintendent—Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, N. C.
Pastor—G. D. White, Statesville, N. C., Route 5.
Clerk—J. W. Querry, Hiddenite, N. C. Route 1.
Treasurer—W. E. Hendren, Hiddenite, N C., Route 1.
S. S. Superintendent

Gays Chapel

Pastor—D. C. Thompson, New Hope, N. C.
Clerk—G. L. Deal, Statesville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent, E. Y Cashion.

Hiddenite

Pastor—H. L. Good, Stony Point, N. C.
Clerk—R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite, N. C.
Treasurer—J. A. Adams, Hiddenite, N. C.
S.. S. Superintendent, H. C. Lackey, Hiddenite, N. C.

Island Ford

Pastor—Harvey White, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—Archie Byers, Statesville, N. C.
Treasurer—J. H. Byers, Statesville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—A. V. Byers, Statesville, N. C.

Lebanon

Pastor—S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.
Clerk—G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville.

Liledoun
Pastor—James Lail, Taylorsvlile, N. C.
Clerk—James W. Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—T. F. Keever, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Vance Stafford, Taylorsville, N. C.

Linneys Grove
Pastor—E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—C J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite, N. C.

Little River
Pastor—D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—N. C. Deal, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—L. W. Davis, Pores Knob, N. C.

Macedonia.
Pastor—E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—W. P. Smith, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—W. P. Smith, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Ray Icenhour, Taylorsville, N. C.

Millersville
Pastor—James Lail, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. Wade White, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Mrs. Foy Icenhour, Taylorsville, N. C.

Mt. Hebron
Pastor—Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—C. C. Deal, Pores Knob, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Gaither Wike, Pores Knob, N. C.

Mt. Herman
Pastor—Howard Ford, Wilkesboro, N. C.
Clerk—P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, N. C. Route 2.
Treasurer—J. C Keller, Taylorsville, N. C. Route 2.
S. S. Superintendent—J. C. Keller, Taylorsville, N. C. Rt. 2.

Mt. Nebo
Pastor—R. C. Loyd, Statesville, N. C., Route 5.
Clerk—J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite, N. C.
Treasurer—J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite, N. C.
S S. Superintendent—Lex Hammer, Hiddnite, N. C.

Mt. Olive
Pastor—A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob, N. C.
Treasurer—B. J. Deal, Pores Knob, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—D. F. Lowe, Pores Knob, N. C.

Oxford Memorial
Pastor—S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.
Clerk—Edith Caldwell, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—Clarence Caldwell, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Hayden Reid, Lenoir, N. C. Rt. 2.
Pilgrim
Pastor—W. N. Hayes, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Clerk—Paul Mayberry, New Hope, N. C.
Treasurer—J. W. Connolly, Hiddenite, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—W. G. Mayberry, New Hope, N. C.
Pleasant Hill
Pastor—A. B. Bumgarner, Kannapolis, N. C.
Clerk—Homer Daniels, Pores Knob, N. C.
Treasurer—Fred Harrington, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Tommie Daniels, Taylorsville, N. C.
Pleasant Grove
Pastor—G. D. White, Statesville, N. C.
Clerk—L. S. Johnson, Stony Ponit, N. C.
Treasurer—J. L. Childers, Statesville, N. C. Route 7.
S. S. Superintendent—Lincoln Childers, Statesville, N. C.
Poplar Springs
Pastor—W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—W. L. Russell, Sr. Taylorsville, N. C.
Rocky Creek
Pastor—J. W. Eldreath, Jefferson, N. C.
Clerk—Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob, N. C.
Superintendent—Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob, N. C.
Smyrna
Pastor—E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—Paul Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—J. W. Perkins, Conover, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—C. M. Cline, Taylorsville, N. C.
Stony Point
Pastor—H. L. Good, Stony Point, N. C.
Clerk—Bill Watts, Stony Point, N. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. F. Ball, Stony Point, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—W. C. Grose, Statesville, N. C.
Sulphur Springs
Pastor—G. D. White, Statesville, N. C.
Clerk—S. F. Cook, Hiddenite, N. C.
Treasurer—J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Fred Hendren, Hiddenite, N. C.
Taylorsville, First
Pastor—E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.

Clerk—A. C. Cline, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—R. L. Moose, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—H. T. Gryder, Taylorsville, N. C.

Taylorsville, East
Pastor—B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—Harold Price, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—Harold Price, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—Mrs. Butler, Chapman, Taylorsville.

Taylor Springs
Pastor—G. D. White, Statesville, N. C., Route 5.
Clerk—Kenneth Redmon, New Hope, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent, C. C. Redmon, New Hope, N. C.

Three Forks
Pastor—E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk—R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, N. C.
Treasurer—R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superintendent—R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, N. C.

White Plains
Pastor—Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Superindent—R. L. Adams, Taylorsville, N. C.

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1914	Stony Point	W. T. Comer	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918				
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926				
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F .A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linneys Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	E. C. Shoe	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville	Homer L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a report of all the funds that have passed through my hands the past Associational year.

Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer

(Treasurers report not added in Table 1-7)

CHURCHES	Minute Fund	Radio Fund	Truett Memorial	State, Home and Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Hospital	T. L. Blalock	Co-operative Program
Antioch	$ 5.50	$ 3.00	$ 5.00	$	$	$	$	$
Bethany	2.75						24.25	
Bethel	3.40							
Bethlehem	6.00	3.00	5.00	27.82	34.60	33.45	26.00	
Beulah	2.00			3.70			4.05	45.60
Concord	1.25					9.29	6.24	
Damascus	4.50	3.00	5.00					
Dover		3.00	5.00				5.61	
Fair View	6.75	3.00	5.00				18.15	
Gay's Chapel	2.45							
Hiddenite	5.00	5.00	5.00					
Island Ford	1.00					3.55		
Lebanon	2.10	5.35	5.00			20.05	46.05	
Liledoun	3.00			7.84	12.90	38.00	9.78	4.00
Linneys Grove	2.65	3.00						
Little River	2.75					25.00	50.00	
Macedonia	8.00	3.00	5.00			25.00	50.00	
Millersville	4.00							
Mt. Hebron	40						15.03	
Mt. Herman	5.00	3.00	5.00				11.90	
Mt. Nebo	6.50							
Mt. Olive	8.25	3.00	5.00	31.35			10.57	
Oxford Memorial	3.00							
Pilgrim	3.00						10.00	
Pleasant Hill	4.00	3.00	5.00				8.88	
Pleasant Grove	5.15							
Poplar Springs	2.25							
Rocky Creek	2.75							
Smyrna	3.00	3.00	5.00					
Stony Point	7.00							
Sulphur Springs	5.45	3.00	2.50				80.50	
Taylorsville, First	10.00	5.00	5.00				50.00	
Taylorsville, East	2.50							
Taylor Springs	4.50	3.00						
Three Forks	5.00						3.00	
White Plains	1.00	2.00					5.89	
	$141.85	$56.35	$67.50	$70.71	$49.50	$129.34	$384.90	$49.60

Church Membership of Alexander Baptist Association

CHURCHES	Location	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Day of Meeting	Membership	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Letters	Erasures	Deaths	Present Membership	Non Res. Memb.	Revivals held	Prayer Meeting	Obs. Lords Sup.	Church Paper	Muscial Director	Have Library
Antioch	County	1823	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.	2-4	338	4	2		2		3	339	50		1	1	6		
Bethany	County	1892	L. T. Younger, New Hope, N. C.	3	197	1			3			198		yes	1	1			
Bethel	County	1800	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, N. C.	1	195	7	4		2		3	201		yes	1	1			
Bethlehem	County	1888	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	315	13	2		6	2	1	321			1	1	1	yes	
Beulah	County	1937	James Lail, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	56				2		1	53		yes	1	1			
Concord	County	1852	Harvey White, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	246	5	1				3	249			1	1			
Damascus	County	1839	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.	2	190		1		2		3	186	35		2	1			
Dover	County	1833	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.	2-4	246	6			4		1	247			2	1			
Fairview	County	1922	G. D. White, Statesville, N. C. R 5	3	166	10			2		1	173			2	1			
Gays Chapel	County	1885	D. C. Thompson, New Hope, N. C.	1-3	92	3			1		1	93			1	1			
Hiddenite	Town	1929	Homer L. Good, Stony Point, N. C.	1-3-4	130	12		5				147	48	yes	1	1	37		yes
Island Ford	County	1943	Harvey White, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	28							284	19		1	1			
Lebanon	County	1884	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	1-3	69	3	1		4			69			1	1			yes
Liledoun	County	1906	James Lail, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-2-3-4	253	9			13			249			1	1			
Linney's Grove	County	1895	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.	4	144	8			1			151			1	1			
Little River	County	1792	D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-2-3-4	125	9			3		1	130		yes	1	1			
Macedonia	County	1855	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C.	2	161	8	6		2		2	171		yes	1	1			
Millersville	County	1923	James Lail, Taylorsville, N. C.	2-4	89	20	4		7		1	105		yes	1	1			
Mt. Hebron	County	1912	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	160	3			3			160			1	1			
Mt. Herman	County	1912	Howard Ford, Wilkesboro, N. C.	2-4	170	6			5			170			1	1			yes
Mt. Nebo	County	1907	R. C. Loyd, Statesville, N. C. R 5	1-3	99	1			1		4	95			1	1			
Mt. Olive	County	1865	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, N. C.	2-4	151	6	1		7		1	150							
Oxford Memorial	County	1942	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	1-3	59	5	2		6			60			1	1			
Pilgrim	County	1835	W. N. Hayes, N. Wikesboro, NN C.	1-3	151	15			6		2	161		yes	1	2			
Plesant Hill	County	1852	A. B. Bumgarner, Kannapois	1-3	209	7	5	1	3			219		yes	1	1			yes
Pleasant Grove	County	1900	G. D. White, Statesville, N. C. R 5	2	130	3	1		3			131			1	1			
Poplar Springs	County	1872	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, N. C.	1	177	4	1		5		1	176		yes	1	1		yes	
Rocky Creek	County	1940	J. W. Eldreath, Jefferson, N. C.	4	46	7	1					55			1	1			
Smyrna	County	1923	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-3	90	2	1		1			94			1	4	30		
Stony Point	Town	1909	Homer L. Good, Stony Point, N. C.	1-2-3-4	356	25	6	1	5		4	379	50	yes	1	1	8		yes
Sulphur Springs	County	1867	G. D. White, Statesville, N. C. R 5	3	207	10	2		4		2	213		yes	2	1			
Taylorsville, First	City	1918	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville, N. C.	1-2-3-4	390	6	8	3	13	1	1	392	97		1	4	18		yes
Taylorsville, East	City	1924	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville, N. C.	2-4	205	8	5					218			1	2			yes
Taylor Springs	County	1852	G. D. White, Statesville, N. C. R 5	1	278	6	1		9	1	4	271	70	yes	1	1			
Three Forks	County	1857	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N. C	1-3	372	7	5		13		3	368	70	yes	1	1			
White Plains	County	1912	Wade Rogers, Taylorsvlle, N. C.	3	271	3	3				3	274			1	1			

Sunday Schools of Alexander Baptist Association

CHURCHES	Superintedent and Post Offices	Cradle Roll 3 Yrs. and under	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and up	Exten. Dept. Officers		Enrollment Including Offi-cers-Teachers	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is School Graded?	Is Sch. Stand.	Teach. With Diplomas	Enrollment of Vacation Sch.	Av. Att. of Vacation Sch.	No. of Dept. Vacation Sch.
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, N. C.	10	15	30	25	26	34	70	20		230	100	4	yes	no	15	yes	66	51
Bethany	Edd Hendren, Pores Knob, N. C.												1	no	no				
Bethel	V. R. Bentley, Taylorsville, N. C.	2		16	12		17	13			60	44	4	yes					
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls, N. C.		5	6	10	20	25	35			101	55	10						
Beulah	Nomox Brookshire, Taylorsville		7	7	11	5	6	9			45	30							
Concord	Lester Fox, Taylorsville, N. C.					20		20			40	30							
Damascus	R. A. Wilson, Statesville, N. C. R 5			8	12	15	15	10			60	40							
Dover	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, N C.		5		12	12		15			44	30	6						
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, N. C. R. 1										96	60	10						
Gays Chapel	E. Y. Cashion, Statesville, N. C.			22		12	15	21			74	43	2						
Hiddenite	H. C. Lackey, Hiddenite, N. C.	8	13	15	13	16	9	56			130	92	12	yes			81	64	
Island Ford																			
Lebanon	Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville											20							
Gays Chapel	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville, N. C.		8	14	18	25	14	35			114	93							
Linneys Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite, N. C.																		
Little River	Alonzo Davis, Pores Knob, N. C.	10	18		16		16	40			100	60	9						
Macedonia	Ray Icenhour, Taylorsville, N. C.		15	12	20	16	12	50			135	75	5						
Millersville	Mrs. Foy Icenhour, Taylorsville		15		10	15		25			65	30	15						
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wike, Pores Knob, N. C.																		
Mt. Herman	J. C. Keller, Taylorsville, N. C.		16	14	23	23	20	19			115	87	5						
Mt. Nebo	Lex Hammer, Hiddenite, N. C.										48								
Mt. Olive	D. F. Love, Pores Knob, N. C.		10		12		24	20			66	42	6						
Oxford Memorial	Hayden Reid, Lenoir, N. C. R. 2																		
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope, N. C.	20	18	12	15	12	24	64		8	165	80	14						
Pleasant Hill	Tommie Daniels, Taylorsville, N. C.		11		10		16	26			63	55	2						
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville, R. 7	8	13			7		40			68	45	1						
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville, N. C.		7	8		12	14	30			71	50	3						
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob, N. C.			7				13			23	24	4						
Smyrna	C. M. Cline, Taylorsville, N. C.		4	4	5	7	4	6			30	30	3	yes					
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, N. C. R. 7	7	30	18	39	40	10	85		13	242	153	25	yes			148	129	
Sulphur Springs	Fred Hendren, Hiddenite, N. C.		17	16	19	12	15	74			247	113	4			1	96	80	
Taylorsville, First	W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville	18	20	21	23	38		106	18	3	152	80	5						
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville																		
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redman, New Hope, N. C.		6		16	12	18	15			65	45							
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville		20		16	18	25	50			139	80	5						
White Plains	R. L. Adams, Taylorsville, N. C.		14	13	18		29	27			101								
Total		83	237	243	355	363	362	974	38	27	2389	1691	153			16	325	339	51

Gifts For Local Church Work of Alexander Association

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help & Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use S. S. Etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of Assn.	Building Reserve Fund	Other Objects	Total For All Purposes by Church and Organizations
Antioch	Earl Cline, Taylorsville	$ 336.00	$	$ 82.83	$1070.00	$	$257.54	$.	$100.00	$5.50	$925.00	$46.09	$ 2822.96
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	218.69		79.00						2.75			300.44
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	213.25		71.00						3.50			287.75
Bethlehem	Arthur Bowman, Hickory	1021.67		75.00			44.07	59.57		6.00	5464.00	13.10	6,682.34
Beulah	Bertha Vicks, Taylorsville	197.27		12.40			34.79	34.34	45.00	2.00			325.80
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	444.85		60.00	130.00		12.00	30.00		1.00			677.85
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville	592.24		231.00	30.00		18.00	19.52		4.50	53.50	8.00	956.76
Dover	Dalphne Mooney, Taylorsville	267.17					164.09						532.54
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	396.80		203.59			10.00	25.20		6.75		32.71	675.05
Liledoun		226.36		76.17			15.72	15.50		2.45	350.00	47.08	733.28
Hiddenite	J. A. Adams, Hiddenite	986.21		100.00	21.44		95.28	156.23		5.00	701.74	68.83	2,134.73
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville R6	143.92		23.00	66.00		22.60			1.00			256.52
Lebanon		401.50		80.00				36.00	57.00	2.10			576.60
Liledoun	T. F. Keever, Taylorsville	601.73		93.00	65.19			43.42		3.00		24.69	836.43
Linneys Grove		369.51		75.00			9.60			2.65			456.76
Little River		960.00		102.00			59.00	44.00	241.71	2.75			1,409.46
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	416.67		102.25	120.00		14.85	18.69	21.00	8.00	40.00		741.46
Millersville	Mrs. Wade White, Taylorsville	361.17		86.00	106.00			18.10		4.00	125.55		745.41
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wike, Pores Knob	269.75		85.52				18.10				43.00	416.37
Mt. Herman	J. C. Keller, Taylorsvlille	637.31		100.00				48.43		6.50		160.04	950.78
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	350.66		49.55						6.50		10.00	410.21
Mt. Olive	B. J. Deal, Pores Knob	592.05	19.35	100.00	436.90		9.60	31.34		8.00		51.44	1,249.68
Oxford Memorial	Clarence Caldwell,Taylorsville	278.05		72.00				44.48	50.00			13.70	396.42
Pilgrim	J. W. Connolly, Hiddenite	232.64		72.00				44.48		3.00		16.68	368.80
Pleasant Hill	Fred Harrington, Taylorsville	475.26		126.00				59.00		4.00	400.00	35.50	1,199.76
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Childers, Stony Point	450.00		80.00			9.80	22.00	50.00	5.15			616.95
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville,	509.00	20.67	117.63	165.00	300.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	1.50			1,158.80
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	254.39		90.00	242.00			3.10		2.75	20.50		612.74
Smyrna	J. W. Perkins, Conover	208.00		50.00	40.00		41.60	23.12		3.00	585.10	18.82	968.82
Stony Point	Mrs. A. F. Ball, Stony Point	2237.21		203.36	2076.05	900.00	364.08	125.05		7.00		108.29	6,021.04
Sulphur Springs	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite	643.21		218.58			215.01	68.75		5.45			1,151.00
Taylorsville, First	R. L. Moose, Taylorsville	1957.97		60.00	456.00		597.17	189.47		10.00	2486.46	50.00	5,789.04
Taylorsville, East	Harold Price, Taylorsville	579.91		102.00			50.80			2.00		15.00	749.71
Taylor Springs		365.44		123.00	552.62		23.00	15.00		4.50		27.00	1,109.56
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1107.75		132.00	5142.11		8.00	148.30		5.00			6,588.93
White Plains		200.00		91.00				31.60	30.00			141.99	548.99

Gifts for Missions, Education and All Benevolences

CHURCHES	Total to Co-op. Program	Special to Ass'n. Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools & Colleges	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Ministers' Retirement Fund	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Other Objects	ALL MISSIONS	GRAND TOTAL Missions and Local Work
Antioch	$52.00	$	$48.68	$31.50	$20.00	$17.00	$ 62.00	$78.52	$10.40	$	$	$328.02	$3150.98
Bethany					23.59		102.50	23.00				149.09	449.53
Bethel					27.27		22.00	25.52				74.79	362.54
Bethlehem			27.82		26.00		85.29	33.45		11.82	27.40	211.78	6894.12
Beulah												99.50	325.30
Concord					10.86		13.00	9.35				33.21	711.06
Damascus					190.15		76.53	40.00			43.36	350.04	1306.80
Dover												101.28	532.54
Fair View					18.15		68.22	28.27				114.64	789.69
Gays Chapel		31.45					17.11	6.00			1.50	56.06	789.34
Hiddenite			126.43	89.12	15.00		231.71	43.78			70.67	576.71	2711.44
Island Ford								3.55				3.55	260.07
Lebanon					63.47							63.47	640.07
Liledoun	3.43			8.32	2.53		12.89	38.00		8.00	6.25	79.42	915.85
Linneys Grove								18.60				18.60	475.36
Little River													1409.46
Macedonia							69.26	40.00			10.00	109.26	850.72
Millersville					14.00			22.00			60.00	42.00	787.41
Mt. Hebron				26.93			30.00	10.50				67.43	483.80
Mt. Herman				90.00			100.00	75.00				265.00	1215.78
Mt. Nebo								7.50				7.50	424.21
Mt. Olive			39.50		31.50		109.37	26.00		27.00		233.37	1483.05
Oxford Memorial					10.00		52.85	20.42				83.27	479.69
Pilgrim					17.44			22.88		75.00		115.32	509.12
Pleasant Hill							28.00	33.40			40.71	102.11	1301.87
Pleasant Grove					145.10		46.93	29.09				221.12	838.07
Poplar Springs					41.05		16.00				26.00	83.05	1241.85
Rocky Creek					6.05		9.00	7.45				22.50	662.24
Smyrna	104.00		5.50	3.08	3.08	5.00	60.00	12.00			36.00	228.66	1197.48
Stony Point	461.97				122.80		298.74	44.00			13.80	941.31	6962.35
Sulphur Springs					131.70		100.00	9.45			64.72	305.87	1762.74
Taylorsville, First	227.50		36.93				210.68	162.53	60.06			697.70	6486.74
Taylorsville, East				15.75	25.00		64.43	54.52				159.70	909.41
Taylor Springs				67.32			26.00	16.43				109.75	1220.31
Three Forks					34.50		58.00	55.80				148.30	6737.23
White Plains							55.00					55.00	603.99
Total	848.90	31.45	284.86	342.88	968.38	22.00	2025.51	997.01	70.46	121.82	346.41	6605.33	57882.21

CHURCH PROPERTY OF BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICE	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship	When Was It Built?	Seating Capacity	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	Number Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Parsonage	Total Value All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Antioch	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes		400	7		6	$31,500	$	$31,500	$5,800
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob. N. C.	yes	1911	300	1			1,000		1,000	
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, N. C.	yes	1860	400	1			1,200		1,200	
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville, N. C. R2	yes	1888	400	1			2,000		2,000	
Beulah	John Webster, Taylorsville. N. C.	no		275	1		6				
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	yes	1921	300	1			2,000		2,000	1,000
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville. N. C. R2	yes	1909	300	1		1	2,500		2,500	1,500
Dover	Dick White, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1910	300	1			600		600	
Fair View	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite, N. C.	yes	1924	300	1			1,000		1,200	
Gays Chapel	G. S Deal, Statesville, N. C. R. 1	yes	1885	300	1			1,000		1,000	
Hiddenite	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite, N. C.	yes	1929	250	8	8	8	6,800		6,800	3,500
Island Ford	A. V. Byers, Statesville, N. C., R. 6	yes	1943	250	1			2,000		2,000	1,200
Lebanon	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, N.C	yes	1943	600	1			4,000		4,000	
Liledoun	James W. Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.	no		300	4	3		1,000		1,000	
Linneys Grove	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite, N. C.	yes	1895	300				800		800	
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville, N. C	yes			1		1	1,000		1,000	
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes		320	1			1,000		1,000	
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1923	300	1			150		150	
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob, N. C.	yes	1912	400	1			1,000		1,000	
Mt. Herman	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite, N. C.	yes	1936	400	1	2	6	5,350		5,350	4,000
Mt. Nebo	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1942	300	1			3,000		3,000	
Mt. Olive	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob, N. C.	yes	1893	400	1			2,000		2,000	
Oxford Memorial	Edith Caldwell, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1942	350	1			1,500		1,500	1,500
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, New Hope, N. C.	yes		300	1			1,500		1,500	
Pleasant Hill	Homer Daniels, Pores Knob, N. C.	yes		300	1		2	1,000		1,000	
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point, N. C.	yes	1900	250				1,500		1,500	
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1944	300	5	4	4	5,000		5,000	
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores, Knob, N. C.	yes	1942	225	1			542		542	
Smyrna	Paul Teague, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1924	300	7	1	6	3,000		3,000	2,500
Stony Point	Bill Watts, Stony Point. N. C.	yes	1909	325	12	1	12	6,000	3,500	9,500	7,000
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite, N. C.	yes	1886	300	10		9	4,500		4,500	2,500
Taylorsville, First	A. C. Cline, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1918	300	17	2	14	15,000	3,000	18,000	10,400
Taylorsville, East											
Taylor Springs	Kenneth Redmon, New Hope, N. C.	yes	1936	400	1		6	2,500		2,500	1,500
Three Forks	R. B.McLeod, Taylorsville, N. C.	yes	1945	600	1	4	4	6,000		6,000	
White Plains											

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION OF ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Adult Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Union & Story Hour	Adult Enrollment	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hour Enrolled	Off. Not Previously Enrolled	Total Union Story Hour	No. Study Course Awards
Stony Point	Miss Libby Alexander	1	1	1	1	4	12	30	16	17	5	80	
Taylorsville	Miss Lucy Thompson	1	1	1		3	15	8	10			33	26

W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts of Baptist Association

CHURCHES	Number of Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A. Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Enrolled In Mission	Study Courses.	Contributions (local work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Antioch	1		1			2	15		14			29		$24.00	$73.00
Hiddenite	1	1	1			3	24	10	14			48	16	68.63	135.66
Stony Point	2	1	1	1	1	6	38	28	18	28	31	131	25	17.79	262.75
Taylorsville, First	1	1	2		1	5	86	11	25		14	136	41	922.21	587.24

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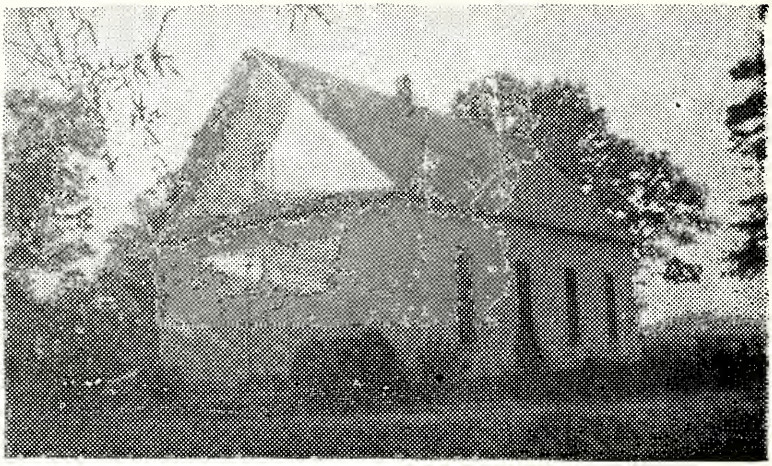

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I. Appointed to serve this session

A: Time, Place, Preacher
J. C. Kellar, Howard Teague, R. N. Sloan

B. Nominations
A. E. Watts, Grady White, R. A. Wilson

C: Resolutions
E. C. Shoe, Vance Teague, Mrs. E. F. Harrington

II: To serve until next session

A: Program
A. E. Watts, Sloane Payne, Mrs. Rom Teague

B: Digest of Letters
Charles E. Echerd, E. A. Shaver, Mrs. Butler Chapman

C: Constitution of Churches
A. E. Watts, W. O. Johnson, W. J. Rogers, J. R. Lail
W. P. Smith

D: Ordination of Ministers
E. V. Bumgarner, H. L. Good, A. B. Bumgarner, Howard Teague, A. C. Cline

OFFICERS

Moderator, A. C. Payne ---------- Taylorsville
Vice-Moderator, E. V. Bumgarner ---------- Taylorsville
Clerk, Homer L. Good ---------- Stony Point
Treasurer, C. E. Echerd ---------- Taylorsville
Historian, E. C. Shoe ---------- Taylorsville
Sunday School, R. B. McLeod ---------- Taylorsvlle
B. T. U., Archie Lee Perkins
Vacation Bible School, Mrs. Burler Chapman
W. M. U., Mrs. Leach Gooden ---------- Hiddenite

VISITORS ENROLLED

E. L. Spivey, Charlotte, R. M. Hauss, Shelby, Wallie Morris, Wingate, Rommie Pierce, Wingate, John W. Lowery, Wingate, Grier Bradshaw, Gastonia, George Cowsert, Wingate, Miss Willa Marks, Statesville, Morris Baker, Lincolnton, J. W. Allen, Statesville, M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill, R. H. Satterfield, Statesville, C. C. Holland, Statesville, J. A. McMillan, Thomasville, Howard J. Ford, Elkin, G. R. Stafford, Taylorsville, B. A. Davis, Kannapolis, J. S. Tyson, Kannapolis.

List of Messengers

ANTIOCH—W. R. Austin, Willard Benfield, V. W. Teague

BETHANY—C. J. Hendren, F L. Hayes, Homer Costner, Edd Hendren

BETHEL—E. F. Millsaps, Frank Campbell, Gilbert Sloan

BETHLEHEM—Theodore Wagner, Howard Teague, Clyde Bowman

BEULAH—Ernest James, Mrs. Hester Teague, J. A. Webster, W. C. Barkley

CONCORD—Lester Fox, C. O. Little, Erby Martin

DAMASCUS—T. B. Johnston, R. A. Wilson, R. N. Sloan

DOVER—R. C. White, Edd Mooney, Byrd Pennell

FAIRVIEW—W. B. Hendren, Gladys Meadows, T. L. Russell

GAY'S CHAPEL—G. L. Deal, E. P. Thigpen, A. D. McIntyre

HIDDENITE—Mrs. Mack Kerley, Mrs. Maurice Grant, R. L. Grant, Mrs. Herman Moore

ISLAND FORD—J. H. Byers, A. V. Byress, Ross Johnston

LEBANON—C. D. Poole, Carl Fortner, Claude Fortner

LILEDOUN—Chester Smith, Mack Little, James Teague

LINNEY'S GROVE—Jay Gwaltney, L. P. Shumake, J. E. Tedder

LITTLE RIVER—L. W. Davis N. C. Deal, Ralph Walker

MACEDONIA—W. P. Smith, Sam Benfield, Clyde Mecimore

MILLERSVILLE—Ben Thompson, Mrs. Jack Carrigan, Mrs. Foy Icenhour

MT. HEBRON—C. C. Deal, Henry Wike, Robert Deal

MT. HERMON—H. B. Oxford, P. E. Johnston, Herman Kerley

MT. NEBO—J. R. Burgess, M. B. Blankenship, M. M. Christopher

MT. OLIVE—

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Millard Brookshire, Clarence Caldwell, Pender Caldwell

PILGRIM—Paul Mayberry, C. V. Owen, Henry Hayes

PLEASANT HILL—Tommy Daniels, Homer Daniels, Mrs. Homer Daniels, Mrs. Jeffie Daniels, Mrs. Vona Childers

PLEASANT GROVE—L. S. Johnston, E. F. Teague, J. A. Hager

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Russell Walker, Mrs. Ida Brookshire, Mrs. Roy Rogers

ROCKY CREEK—Wilborn Anderson, Hubert Hawn, R. B. Anderson

ROCKY FACE—Miller Walker, Crowson Wike, Mrs. Crowson Wike

SMYRNA—Q. L. Fry, Fred Teague, Paul Teague, Earl Teague, Phylis Stafford

STONY POINT—Mrs. J. P. Watts, W. M. Watts, E. L. Estes, J. P. Watts, Mrs. E. L. Estes

SULPHUR SPRINGS—S. F. Cook, Maynard Lackey, Fred Hendren

TAYLORSVILLE (1st)—E. A. Shaver, G. F. Webber, A. C. Payne, Mrs. Rom Teague, C. E. Echerd

TAYLORSVILLE (EAST)—Mrs. Butler Chapman, Mrs. Etta Eays, C. M. Icenhour

TAYLOR SPRINGS—Ross Mayberry, Glenn Mayberry, Clarence Baker, Kenneth Redmond

THREE FORKS—W. J. Rogers, Mrs. W. J. Rogers, J. W. Walker

WHITE PLAINS—R. L. Adams, Dock Walker, Edd Walker, Charlie Blankenship, J. A. Icenhour

Church Directories

ANTIOCH—Pastor: E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville; Clerk: Treasurer: Earl Cline, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: W. F. Austin, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President: Mrs. O. E. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

BETHANY—Pastor: L. T. Younger, New Hope; Clerk: C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob; Treasurer: C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob; S. S. Superintendent: Edd Hendren, Pores Knob

BETHEL—Pastor: J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite; Clerk: E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; Treasurer: E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent: V. K. Bentley, Taylorsville, Rt. 3

BETHLEHEM—Pastor: A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk: Treasurer: S. S. Superintendent: Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls

BEULAH—Pastor: W. C. Barkley, Troutman; Clerk: J. A. Webster, Taylorsville; Treasurer: Bertha Vickes, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent: Ernest James, Taylorsville

CONCORD—Pastor: Harvey White, Taylorsville; Clerk: N. R. Martin, Stony Point; Treasurer: N. R. Martin, Stony Point; S. S. Superintendent: Lester Fox, Taylorsville

DAMASCUS—Pastor: A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk: Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2; Treasurer: Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt. 2

DOVER—Pastor: Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk: Treasurer: Dalphine Mooney, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2

FAIRVIEW—Pastor: G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5; Clerk: J. W. Query, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; Treasurer: W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: W. B. Heindren, Hiddenite, Rt. 2.

GAY'S CHAPEL—Pastor: D. C. Thompson, New Hope; Clerk: G. L. Deal, Statesville, Rt. 1; Treasurer: A. G. Starrette, Statesville; S. S. Superintendent: E. Y. Cashion, Statesville, 1219, 5th St.

HIDDENITE—Pastor: Homer L. Good, Stony Point, Box 36; Clerk: R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite; Treasurer: J. A. Adams, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent; H. C. Laikey, Hiddenite; V. M. V.: Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney, Hiddenite

ISLAND FORD—Pastor: Harvey White, Taylorsville; Clerk: Treasurer: J. H. Byers, Statesville, Rt. 6; S. S. Superintendent:

LEBANON—Pastor: S. I. Watts, Boomer; Clerk: C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treasurer; C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

LILEDOUN—Pastor: James Lail, Taylorsville; Clerk: Roy Chapman, Taylorsville, Rt. 1; Treasurer: T. F. Keener, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent: James W. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 1

LINNEY'S GROVE—Pastor: E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Clerk: J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite; Treasurer: S. S. Superintendent: C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor: D. L. Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Clerk: N. C. Deal, Taylorsville; Treasurer: R. O. Mullis, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: L. W. Davis, Pores Knob

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OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor: S. I. Watts, Boomer; Clerk: Edith Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treasurer: Don Reid, Lenoir, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: Millard Brookshire, Lenoir, Rt. 2

PILGRIM——Pastor: W. N. Hayes, North Wilkesboro; Clerk: : Treasurer: Wade Connolly, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; S. S. Superintendent: W. G. Mayberry, New Hope

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor: A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Clerk: Homer Daniels. Pores Knob, Rt. 2; Treasurer: Fred Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; S. S. Superintendent: Tommy Daniels, Taylorsville

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ROCKY FACE—Pastor: Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt. 1; Clerk: Miller Walker, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; Treasurer: Crowson Wike, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; S. S. Superintendent:

SMYRNA—Pastor: E. C. Shoe, Taylorsvllle; Clerk: Paul Teague, 1217-11th Ave. Hickory; Treasurer: J. W. Perkins, Conover, Rt. 1; S. S. Superintendent: C. M. Cline, Taylorsville, Rt. 1

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TAYLOR SPRINGS—Pastor: G. D. White, Statesville Rt. 5; Clerk: Treasurer: S. S. Superintendent: Mrs. Bertha Redmond, New Hope

THREE FORKS—Pastor: E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Clerk: R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treasurer: R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville

WHITE PLAINS—Pastor: Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk: S. L. Cook, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; Treasurer: I. E. Sloop, Taylorsville Rt. 3; S. S. Superintendent:

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCHES

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the local Church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and cooperative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual session at Damascus Church October, 6, 1943 name a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (With the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give counsel and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has the indorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, name a committee of pastors and deacons to sit in council with a sister church in a matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of the denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to co-operate in the Faith and work "Once and for all delivered unto the saints."

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe

PROCEEDINGS

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

First Day

Wednesday, October 9, 1946, 10:00 A. M.

Be it remembered that on the 9th. and 10th. days of October, A. D. 1946, the Alexander Missionary Baptist Association held its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session with the Damascus, and the Three Forks Baptist Churches.

2. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, A. C. Payne, and R. A. Wilson, Director of Music, led the congregation in Singing, "Amazing Grace." Jeffie Daniels led the devotional service using as the Scripture lesson I Peter 3:8-12. Prayer by Bro. Daniels.

3. The roll call of Churches revealed that 22 of the 36 were represented, and upon motion these messengers and others to come constitute the association.

4. The following program, prepared by the program committee was adopted.

Wednesday Morning

Theme: "The Christ Centered Church"

10:00—Song
10:05—Scripture and Prayer ---------- Jeffie Daniels
10:15—Roll call of Churches, Adoption of Program, Recognition of New Pastors and Visitors, Appointment of Committees
10:35—The Christ Centered Church ---------- C. C. Holland
11:00—Baptist Literature ---------- C. E. Echerd
11:05—Address ---------- L. L. Carpenter
11:25—Song
11:30—Miscellaneous Business
11:40—Annual Sermon ---------- E. V. Bumgarner
12:15—Noon Recess

Wednesday Afternoon

The Christ Centered Church in Service to Others

1:30—Song
1:35—Scripture and Prayer ---------- J. R. Lail

1:45—Call for delinquent Churches
1:50—Orphanage Report ---------- W. O. Johnston
1:55—Address ---------- I. G. Greer
2:20—Hospital Report ---------- J. A. Icenhour
2:25—Address ---------- Charles E. Parker
2:45—Christian Education Report ---------- Sloan Payne
2:50—Address ---------- Howard Ford
3:10—Song
3:15—Report on Strong Drink and address ---------- E. C. Shoe
3:40—Election of Officers
3:45—Miscellaneous Business—Adjourn

Thursday Morning
The Christ Centered and Missions

10:00—Song
10:05—Scripture and Prayer ---------- W. O. Johnston
10:15—Call for delinquent churches
10:20—Report on State Home and Foreign Missions E. C. Shoe
10:30—Address ---------- M. A. Huggins
11:00—Report on China Direct Missions address--T. L. Blalock
11:30—Song
11:35—Miscellaneous Business
11:40—The Christ Centered Church and the Bible
A. B. Bumgarner
12:15—Noon Recess

Thursday Afternoon
The Christ Centered Church Working At Home

1:30—Song
1:35—Scripture and Prayer ---------- Wade Rogers
1:45—B. T. U. Report and discussion ---------- Lucy Thompson
2:00—W. M. U. Report and discussion ---------- Mrs. Gooden
2:15—Sunday School Report and Discussion -- Wayne Austin
2:35—Stewardship Report and discussion ---------- J. R. Lail
2:55—Song
3:10—The Christ Centered Church and the Home
Woodrow Brookshire

5. The Moderator appointed the committees listed on another page.

6. Rev. A. E. Watts, host pastor, extended words of welcome saying: "For Damascus Church, I take this opportunity

to extend to you a hearty welcome. Three years ago you were our guest and we were greatly enriched by your wonderful fellowship. We are indeed happy to have you meet with us again and it is our sincere hope that this day will mean much to all of us. Our aim is to make your visit pleasant and if there is anything we can do for any of you in a special way, please let us know."

7. Visitors were welcomed by Moderator Payne. The list of our visitors on another page. Bro. Jeffie Daniels, new Pastor was welcomed into the Association.

8. At 10:35 the program organization completed, Rev. C. C. Holland, pastor, of Front Street Church, Statesville, spoke on "The Christ Centered Church."

Mr. Holland used as a scripture lesson Acts 2:8. Characteristics of a Christ Centered Church, said M. Holland is first—"A saved church. That broken fellowship between God and man, must be renewed by repentance and faith. The atonement provides for Sins—past, present and future."

Second: "Separated Church." The world crucified the Saviour, therefore, we can't be a friend of the world. "The friendship of the world is an enemy of God."

Third: "A Surrendered Church." Surrender to his will, word, and work, personally we must make the surrender.

"If we have been saved, separated, surounded, then we will be sanctified." A very deep and earnest message was given by Brother Holland on this subject.

9. M. H. Kendall brings greetings from Mars Hill College. He brings special greetings from Dr. and Mrs. Moore.

10. Baptist Literature was discussed by Rev. R. H. Satterfield, pastor of Western Avenue Baptist Church, Statesville, in the absence of Dr. L. L. Carpenter. Mr. Satterfield spoke of the power of the press. We must substitute good literature for the trash upon which people are feeding. Much of this is being sold by members of our churches. How careful we are to select the best food for our bodies, while we are careless about our minds. The Recorder, Charity and Children, The Commission, and the Home-Mission should be in every Baptist Home, said Mr. Satterfield.

BAPTIST LITERATURE

Baptists should use Baptist literature because it is written by Baptists for Baptists, and so far as I know there is none better. The Sunday School quarterly, especially for the adults, should be used as a help, as a guide to keep us in line with the lesson being studied by others, to get the other fellows idea of the meaning of the text. The quarterly should not displace the Bible. Let us use the Bible more, not only on Sunday, but daily.

Some of the best Baptist literature is a Baptist Christian. You have heard the expression: I can read you like a book. The trouble is that people read you instead of the book, so be careful how you live.

There is Baptist literature for each department of our work—the Sunday School, the Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Young Peoples' organizations. Your pastor will secure this literature for you, or get in touch with Miss Lucy Thompson at Taylorsville who will see that you get help.

The Sunday School Superintendent should see that enough copies of Charity and Children are taken to keep his people well informed about the work of the Orphanage.

The Pastor is the key man to see that each family receives the Biblical Recorder. A Recorder reading Baptist is a well informed Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. E. Echerd

Report Adopted.

11. At this time Rommie Pierce brought greetings from Wingate Colege. After which the Wingate quartet sang "My Anchor Holds."

12. A count of all ministers present revealed that sixteen pastors in and out of the association were present. The count also showed ten Sunday School Superintendents present.

13. After singing "Revive Us Again," E. C. Shoe, preached the annual sermon in the absence of E. V. Bumgarner. His scripture lesson was Jude 20, 21. The subject, "How We May Keep In God's Love." The purpose to show that we keep in God's love by (1) Building Up. (2) Praying Up. (3) Looking Up.

The blessing before the meal by J. A. McMillan of Thomasville, N. C.—Lunch was served by Damascus Church.

14. After singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," the devotional service was conducted by J. R. Lail, who read from Acts Chapter 5. J. A. Webster led in prayer.

15. The report on the orphanage is discussed by J. A. McMillan. (No witten report)

16. J. A. Icenhour read the report on hospitals and in absence of Dr. I. G. Grier, the subject is discussed by Rev. Grigg, pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital has had another full and fruitful year. In the past few years its facilities to care for the sick have been greatly increased. This is true for both those who do not have the money to pay for complete hospital care and those who have complicated afflictions which the hospitals and doctors in most communities are not prepared to care for.

The Out-Patient Clinic is now working in its enlarged and better equipped quarters. It is prepared to do the highest type of work of examining the sick, prescribing treatment for their ills, and giving some specialized treatments. After the examination, most of these can be treated back home by a local doctor or in a local hospital. There is now being added to the clinic additional services in eye and dental diseases. The cost for an examination in the Out-Patient Clinic is $5.00, not including X-rays and special laboratory tests, for all who are able to pay it. This just about covers the actual cost to the hospital for the examination. The charges for the X-ray pictures and special tests are estimated at actual cost. Most people are able to pay these fees. In cases where they are not able to pay the whole fee, the balance is paid out of the Mother's Day Offering.

Along with the Out-Patient Clinic, there is operated the Private Clinic for those who are able to pay the regular standard fees for medical care.

The sick who come to these clinics and need to enter the Baptist Hospital for treatment are then admitted as bed patients, in so far as room permits. Due to lack of space, it is impossible for the hospital to take care of all who need to be admitted. Because of this lack of space, our hospital has available a great deal of the finest medical skill which it is not able to use to relieve suffering.

The Mother's Day Offering enables our hospital to care for those who do not have the money to pay their full bills. Those who are able to pay in full are expected to do so, because, if they fail to, it will take help from those who are in actual need. No person who is examined in the Out-Patient Clinic and no service patient who is admitted to the hospital is charged any doctor's bill at all, whether or not he pays his hospital bill. More than half of those who are cared for by our hospital are such service patients, and many of them are unable to pay anything at all. Our hospital does

far more freeservice for the poor than any other denominational hospital in the South and stands among the first in America in the amount it does. Last year this free service cost the hospital over $167,000. We are happy that the churches of our association had a large share through our Mother's Day Offering in this great service.

In the name of Christ who healed the sick and made the lame to walk, let us not forget Baptist Hispital when we make our offerings to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Icenhour

The report is adopted.

17. Report of Missions was read by E. C. Shoe, and a most able and appealing address by E. L. Spivey, of the State Mission Board. Mr. Spivey spoke on working together.

(1) With God with men. (2) With God with money. (3) With God for men.

MISSIONS

Nothing in the life of a church is more vital than missions, nothing in the world today is more needful than missions, nothing is more clearly taught in the New Testament than missions, nothing in the work of the early church was more faithful than missions. Jesus is the "sent one" from heaven, we are his "sent ones" into all the world: "As the Father sent Me even so send I you." Therefore, "GO." Remember as a church—we grow as we go.

But what is missions in the life and work of a church? It is evangelism—witnessing, winning, seeking the lost—projected to the uttermost parts of the earth. It is the same kind of work we are to do at home, and for the same reason. Men without God are lost, and Christ alone can save—lost here, lost everywhere. Men are not lost because of language, location, or color but because of sin; "for all have sinned," and the only covering for sin is the "blood of Jesus Christ." This is the Gospel for all the world, and this is "ONE WORLD." Yes, we have but one work, one gospel, one mission—"Spread the blessed tidings all the world around . . . whosoever will may come."

Jesus went into "the next towns," the early church "went everywhere preaching," Barnabas and Paul went to Antioch preaching, Paul and Barnabas were sent out from Antioch preaching—what I am saying is simply this: We are to do the same kind of work as did Jesus and the early Christians, and in the same way —this is missions. Missions should not divide us but unite us, should not weaken us but strengthen us. Whenever we divide on methods we weaken on work. Carey's text should be our text: "Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes," and with Isaiah let us say, "Put on thy strength, O Zion."

Mission work by the Great Commission, by the example of the early churches, and by nature is co-operative work; and the greater the co-operation the greater the success. The great principle of nature is co-operation, the greatest factor in Peace between nations is co-operation, the greatest challenge to Baptists now is co-operation. Baptists have worked and walked together since the days of Jesus and his disciples, they will not fail Him now. The only reason for having an Association is to encourage, inspire, and help co-operative churches in doing the work of the Kingdom—preaching, teaching, healing.

Some want to give to the "poor" but not to Jesus—Judas was that kind; some say "it is waste" to bring to the feet of Jesus our costly treasures—Judas was that kind; some have been little, and narrow, and selfish—Judas was that kind, but Judas is dead. So will pass the churches and the workers who betray the trust of the Master. And what is that trust? "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations"—in all lands, in all languages, in all circumstances, for all time—"even to the end, and lo, I am with you." State missions—yes, Home missions—yes, Foreign missions

"Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;

—yes. But it is all the same thing—just missions, HIS MISSION.

Hence forth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, We life our battle song." MISSIONS!

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe

Report adopted.

18. Wingate Quartet sang, "What Did He Do."

19. Report on Temperance is read by E. C. Shoe, a very inspiring address by R. M. Hauss, who is working the Allied Church League in this section of the state.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

A few days ago a strange little visitor appeared on the street in our town. He seemed to be out of place, yet he knew where to go. No need to ask him questions, for nobody spoke his language. Blind to the dangers he crossed the street in razal-dazal fashion, like a football player, dodging autos, jeeps, and trucks. He parked himself at the door of the beer parlor as if he were the next gentleman to be served—even a pig can follow his nose. This was the lesson and instinct his parents had given him.

The moral of the story is this—a pig following his nose and appetite is heading for death. We are not pigs but we seem to be following our nose and appetite, even to death. Men who withstood all the Japs and Germans could hurl at them, are going down by drink. Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, wives and

sweethearts are joining the army of drinkers. Those who make liquor, sell liquor, and drink liquor are as dangerous as Hitler, Tojo, and Mussolini—they war against us, divide us, and kill us. Yet, some say let liquor alone and it will let you alone; but it was not made to be let alone; it was made for man, but man was not made for it—whereon shall we place the value?

Liquor is the most highly honored, highly paid, highly advertized business in America, yet, it has never been an honorable business. It has the greatest brotherhood, yet has never been a brother; it preaches the greatest freedom, yet has never set one soul free; it promises the greatest joy, yet has never left one soul happy; it promises many good things, yet has never kept a single promise; it offers to help pay all our debts, yet has never paid its own debt; it smiles at every friend and stranger, yet has never left a smile; it sanctions modesty, kindness, and honesty, yet never has been modest, kind, or honest—it is the same old self it has always been a thief and a robber.

Liquor is the biggest liar, the greatest deceiver, the most presumptious and freest demon in all the world. We fight dictators and mosquitoes, diseases, and blights, bugs and termites, but we don't fight liquor—not much. How free and well behaved is liquor in our day It takes the streets, the highways, the biways, the playground, the workshop; it enters the courts, the schools, the homes, the churches, the peace conferences, the bride's chamber, the birth chamber—invited or uninvited it enters to shame, to divide, to destroy, to kill, yet we do not fight liquor. Our Lord will not go where he is not invited, nor will he stay where he is not wanted. Oh Christian Brothers and Sisters, if we are Christians, is it not time that we arise in the strength of our God and drive this demon from our doors?

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe

Report adopted.

20. Election of officers: The following were duly elected officers of the association: A. C. Payne, Moderator; E. V. Bumgarner, Vice Moderator; Homer L. Good, Clerk; C. E. Echerd, Treasurer; E. C. Shoe, Historian. A list of all officers may be found in the front of these minutes.

21. Constitution; Motion by E. C. Shoe, that the Moderator appoint a committee of two (Moderator being exofficio) to study the constitution and report back to the association next year, making such recommendations as are fitting to simplify and clarify same. Motion carried.

22. J. A. Webster, brought a report recommending the

reception of the Rocky Face Baptist Church (Newly Organized) into the Alexander Association. The report of the committee was received, and the Rocky Face Church was unanimously voted into the association. The pastor and messengers were given right hand of fellowship, and welcomed into the association by Moderator A. C. Payne.

23. After prayer by E. L. Spivey, the session was adjourned to convene again at 10:00 A. M. Thursday, October 10, 1946 at Three Forks Church.

Thursday Morning—October 10, 1946

24. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M. Congregation singing "I Need Thee Every Hour." Scripture and prayer by A. E. Watts, and A. B. Bumgarner, in the absence of W. O. Johnston.

25. It was unanimously voted that the clerk be given power to have the minutes printed as he feels best.

26. Training union report was brought by Miss Lucy Thompson, who brought a very fine and instructive message in the interest of training church workers.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Baptist Training Union is the Church of Christ in action preparing its members to serve the Master. Unlike the Sunday School, it seeks for its members the saved. These saved ones are then prepared to live the Christian life by training in daily Bible study, in witnessing publicly for Christ and in the doctrines of our denomination. The Training Union is a church directed, Christ centered program of training.

This training program separates church members into four age levels—Juniors, 9-12; Intermediates, 13-16; Young People, 17-24. For the younger children who attend the Story Hour is provided. Through study and the application of that study, it strengthens and extends the Kingdom.

Alexander Association has a training program in three of our thirty-six churches. From these three we had a Junior girl, Isabel Ingram, Taylorsville, who was a winner in regional and state Bible Memory Verse Drills. We plan to have an associational mass meeting in Taylorsville, December 6.

Is there a need for Christian training in Alexander Association? Thirty-three churches say, No. But the record says stalk our highways and our communities. Two freight car loads of beer bottles emptied in Alexander county in a short time should cause us to say, Yes. The love of Christ constrains us to say "Yes, Lord

Jesus, We need to know more of Thee and Thy Kingdom Work."

Is Christian training too expensive for us? We sent 1197 of our finest into the armed service of our country and willingly spent an average minimum of $450 to train them. Our national and state governments have 400 boys and girls of Alexander county enrolled in 4-H Clubs. This monthly training of head and hand costs us an average of $2.50 each which we gladly pay. Yet for $1.25 at the most we could provide enough material to give each church member Christian training 52 weeks of the year.

Do the Baptists of Alexander Association not have the time to give to Christian training? Our people spend an average of three hours apiece on paid amusements weekly. Yet a training program of one hour on Sunday nights could be carried on with another hour of preparation—only 1.2 per cent of the 168 hours God gives to us each week.

Finally, do we have the people to be trained? As Baptists we have 6,441 of Alexander county's 13,454 people. If we Baptists do not care for the 50 per cent who belong to us, where will the 3,523 young people six to sixteen years old enrolled in our public schools get their Christian training? We must minister to all but we can not fail a generation of youth? If our training programs magnify Christ, we can empty beer parlors and roadside juke joints and fill our churches on Sunday evening.

It will cost something in money and in time. Most of all it will cost ourselves in lives surrendered to His will. Dare we do less for Him who gave all for us?

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Thompson

The report was adopted.

27. Stewardship report was brought by J. R. Lail, after an impressive discussion by J. R. Lail.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 1945 the Alexander Baptist Association was composed of 36 churches. These churches reported a combined membership of 6,952. From this membership the churches reported a total offering of $57,882.88. This amount was distributed between local and mission work as follows:

I Local: $51,275.88

Itemized		Ch. Avg.
1. Pastors Salaries	$19,972	$554.00
2. Help and Supply	3,424	95.00
3. Literature	1,339	37.20
4. Minutes	136	3.00
5. Local Poor	614	17.00
6. Building and Repair	10,719	

7. Debt and Int.	1,200	
8. Incidentals	2,400	
9. Building Reserve Fund	11,091	
10. Other Objects	931	

For local work this is an average of $1,424 per church per year and an average of $7.50 per person per year

II Missions: $6,605.33

Itemized		Ch. Avg.
1. Co-operative Program	$ 848.90	$23.50
2. Schools and Colleges	22.00	.75
3. Red Cross and Foreign Relief	121.82	3.00
4. Orphanage	2025.51	56.25
5. Hospitals	997.01	27.00
6. State Missions	284.86	8.00
7. Home Missions	342.88	9.00
8. Foreign Missions	968.38	26.00
9. Other Objects	346.41	9.00

For Mission Work this is an average of $183.48 per church per year and an average of .95 per person per year.

Alexander Baptists urgently need to array themselves behind a God honored mission program and practice stewardship with all the Grace God will abundantly bestow upon us.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Lail

The report was adopted.

28. T. L. Blalock read and discussed a report on China direct missions.

BAPTIST CHINA DIRECT MISSION

We are sorry to report that on account of the mistaken policy of our Government, in attempting to compromise with the communistic Rebels of China we have no missionaries in China. Not only so due to this fact, there are many hundreds of missionaries kept away from their fields of labor in China. This constitutes a call to all Christians of America to pray for China and her suffering people as not even in the Japanese horrible war. Remember the prayers of the Saints in America will change the whole situation in our government and in China.

However, we are thankful that in spite of the situation we have splendid news from the Christians who are still carrying on and more than ever, crying, come over and help us. I don't know when my heart has been so stirred as it was a few weeks ago by a letter from one of our pastors with good news.

Then, too, we are being able to get money through for relief and for the Chinese workers.

While we wait here we are all busy trying to fan the mission

flame at home, or in school preparing to do better work when we reach the field. In all there are ten of us longing and praying how soon we may be able to launch out for suffering China's shore.

Respectfully submitted,
T. L. Blalock.

Report adopted

29. After a song, "Rescue the Perishing," Rev. G. R. Stafford, Methodist pastor of Taylorsville, was recognized by Moderator A. C. Payne.

30. A. B. Bumgarner used Matt.: 16-20 to discuss the Christ Centered Church and the Bible. His discourse was very timely and appealing.

31. The Benediction was given by G. R. Stafford.

32. After a song, "Standing on the Promises," the devotional service was conducted by Wade Rogers. Scripture lesson 1 John 3: 14.

33: Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney is presented and reads a report on Woman's Work, and after an effective discussion of the work by her, the report is adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In the Christ centered church there is a place for everyone who is willing to work. From the time that Christ lived on earth, and walked bodily among men even down to the present, a great part of the work of his kingdom has been done by devout women, working both singly and in groups. It is always true that the greater amount of work is accomplished by the united efforts of groups of workers rather than by individuals. The Woman's Missionary Union is an example of this organized effort. Collectively these women are accomplishing things that singly they would never dare to undertake. During the war years they kept alive the missionary spirit in their churches by continued study of mission fields, and their needs. They ministered to their churches by making improvements on the buildings, and grounds, by doing charity work in the community, and by administering aid and comfort to the anxious, the weary, and the grief stricken.

Now that the war is over, there is an even greater challenge for our W. M. U. in the mission fields which are "ripe already unto harvest" awaiting the reapers and in the enlarged postwar activities of the church.

The various organizations in the W. M. U. give opportunities for training, and service to all the different classes of workers in the church. There are the following branches of the union all of which have organizations in our association:

Sunbeams for small children, Royal Ambassadors for Boys, Girls' Auxiliary for teen age girls, Young Woman's Auxiliary for young ladies, and the Woman's Missionary Society for adult ladies.

The church that does not have one or more of these organizations doesn't know what a power for good is being allowed to go to waste in its ranks.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Gwaltney.

34. Sloane W. Payne, Superintendent of Alexander County Schools, presented the report on Christian Education, and spoke intelligently of the necessity of having our schools founded and conducted under proper environment. The subject is further discussed by Howard J. Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Elkin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The report on Christian Education in the Baptist colleges in North Carolina is most encouraging when measured by normal standards. The campaign for funds for improving the physical facilities and increasing the endowments in the various colleges are going along in a very satisfactory manner. The restrictions on building materials have stopped all construction work except for dormitories and other added housing facilities. All the colleges have extensive plans for new buildings when restrictions are removed.

The generous offerings being made to the Cooperative Program through all the Baptist churches of the state will result in increased operating funds for our Baptist colleges. The total for 1946 to all the colleges from the Co-operative Program will be above $300,000. This increased amount will do much to aid the colleges in meeting the increased costs for operating needs without too great burden upon the individual students. No greater challenge can come to our Baptist colleges than that of being able to provide a high standard of Christian education at a cost within the ability of the average student who wants to attend. Our ability to meet this challenge successfully will depend always on the generous support of the Co-operative Program from which our operating funds are to come.

In addition to the improved financial aspects of our Baptist colleges, we find many of our best faculty members returning from service in the armed forces to resume their pre-war positions. This will help greatly with the problem of securing adequate personnel for the staff positions in the colleges.

Under normal standards the college is pleased to have capacity enrollments, but now all our colleges are embarrassed by their ina-

bility to meet the demands from students who want to be enrolled. Practically every one of our Baptist colleges is forced to turn away hundreds of worthy students who are begging for a chance to enroll in our Christian colleges. Everyone recognizes that such conditions are not normal, but we may expect to continue to face increasing demands if we continue to operate good colleges under Christian influences. The Baptists of North Carolina are becoming aware of their responsibilities and opportunities in making available Christian education in the colleges. The students to be enrolled for 1946-47 in the Baptist colleges will be as follows:

Wake Forest College, 1400, of which 250 will be young women; Meredith College, 600; Mars Hill, 800; Campbell, 500; Wingate 300. Including those enrolled in Gardner-Webb, there will be a total enrollment of more than 4000 students, with hundreds of others unable to attend because of inadequate facilities. This unfortunate condition will change just as quickly as building materials and labor are available for enlarging the college plants. In many instances funds are in the bank ready to be used, and North Carolina Baptists seem to be ready to respond with greater offerings to meet both building and operating needs in our Baptist colleges.

The educational report of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1946 shows that the three seminaries and the woman's missionary training schools have had the largest enrollment in their history. More than 2,300 young men and women were enrolled in these four schools last year. They are, of course, crowded to capacity. Additional facilities must be provided in these schools if they are to meet the demands upon them. As we have seen in the report on North Carolina institutions, there are more Baptist young people in colleges and seminaries today than at any other time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is readily seen that plentiful money is responsible for a large number of young people to attend, due to the fact that they can pay their own expenses. Thousands of veterans, whose expenses are paid by the Veterans Administration, are in colleges. It is hoped that the overcrowded conditions of our Baptist institutions will not lead to the reducing of standards of scholarship and that a high class educational program will be maintained. The combined total now being sought by our Baptist institutions as endowments, new buildings and improvement of equipment is $25,000,000.00. Should this total be obtained, we would still have less endowment than Duke or Yale.

Financial position of Baptist institutions in North Carolina show a total net property value including endowment funds, plants and holdings of $8,500,000.00. There was a time when these institutions owed through the Convention $1,200,000.00. The debt now stands at approximately $400,000

Within the last 50 years Southern Baptists have moved up into

the front ranks of Christian education in America. The membership of 26,000 Baptist churches is approximately 6,000,000. We necessarily have a great program. It must be directed and led by trained leaders. To measure up to these opportunities, we must have adequate support. Let this final word be recorded: "No real Baptist Church can say that the welfare of her educational institutions is of no concern to it. In a world such as ours, trained leadership is not only desirable, it is absolutely and irrevocably imperative."

Report adopted.

35. The congregation was led in singing "Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed."

36. The advisibility of having a missionary sermon each session of the association was discussed. It was voted to leave this matter in the hands of program committee.

37. The committee on Resolutions through its chairman, made its report which was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

We wish to thank most heartily Damascus and Three Forks churches for inviting our association, and for the wonderful way they have fed us — those beautiful tables reminded us of the Words of Jesus, "All Things are Now Ready." Well, we were ready also, and you "gave us meat."

We also thank you for the use of your churches, and grounds, made holy by the work and worship of the saints across the years. The flowers and the fellowship have inspired us. We commend you for making your buildings beautiful and useful for the work of the Kingdom.

We would express our delight for the presence of visitors and friends, and in a special way we desire to thank the Wingate College Quartet for the inspiring service in songs.

We would express our thanks to the Moderator, Clerk, and Program Committee for their fine service in preparing for and guiding our association through these days of mental and spiritual feasts. The speakers led us into His presence — "and did not our hearts burn as He walked and talked with us?"

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

38. On motion an offering was taken to be paid on the associational expense. This offering amounted to $20.17.

39. Committee appointed to report to the association next year facts concerning a lot at Ridge Crest. The committee: Miss Lucy Thompson, E. C. Shoe, R. L. Teague.

40. On motion a committee was appointed to advise on

associational missionary, and to make report next year. The committee: A. E. Watts, Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney, Miss Lucy Thompson.

41. A very timely message on "The Christ Centered Church, and the Home," was brought by Rev. Brookshire, of North Wilkesboro.

42. The congregation was led in singing "Sweet By and By," prayer by E. V. Bumgarner. The association stands adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

A. C. Payne, Moderator
Homer L. Good, Clerk

IN MEMORIAM

"Neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels; and are children of God, being the children of the resurrection." — Luke 20:36.

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Annie Caldwell, Mrs. W. A. Hollar

BETHANY—Mrs. Mary Moore, Mr. Edward Moore

BETHEL—Miss Marie Menis

BETHLEHEM—Mrs. Cisroe Fox, Mrs. James Fox, Mr. Elijah Teague, Mrs. Quentas Dorons

CONCORD—Mrs. Sallie Mecimore, Mrs. Dezzy Dagenhart, Mr. Wilson Hamer, Mr. Ransom Grant

DAMASCUS—Mrs. R. J. Bryant, Mr. Thomas H. Sloan, Mr. W. E. Shaver, Miss Winona Wilson, Mr. Walter Menscer

DOVER—Mrs. Rebecca Pennell, Mrs. H. C. Pennell

FAIRVIEW—Mr. J. W. Connolly

LILEDOUN—Mr. S. W. Teague, Mr. J. O. Brookshire

LITTLE RIVER—Mr. J. P. Deal, Mrs. Lula Barnes

MACEDONIA—Mr. Adam Warren, I. Monroe Fox

MILLERSVILLE—Mr. Ted Icenhour

MT. HEBRON—Mr. David Deal, Mrs. David Deal, Mrs. Rome Barnett

MT. HERMON—Mr. Crowson Oxford

MT. OLIVE—Mr. Christie Fortner, Mrs. Laura Fortner, Mrs. Texie Deal

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mr. Roy Keller

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Arnis Jolly, Mrs. Eva Davidson

ROCKY CREEK—Mrs. J. C. Holder

STONY POINT—Mrs. J. T. Ward, Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. J. T. Grant, Mr. Parks Cockrell

SULPHUR SPRINGS—Mrs. Cora Barnes, Mr. A. H. Thomas

TAYLORSVILLE (1st)—Mrs. W. S. Hendren

TAYLOR SPRINGS—Mr. J. V. Souther, Mrs. Clyde Jordon

STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	OC-V-T-C	Year Organized	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Baptisms	Gained by Letter	Other Additions	Lost by Letter	Lost by Death	Other Losses	Present Residence Members	Non-Resident Members	Total Present Members	Prayer Meetings Held Weekly	No. Revival Meetings	Spent on Building, Remodeling Last Year	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property
Antioch	OC	1826	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	2 4	22	...	...	2	2	...	307	50	357	...	1	245.28	....	31500
Bethany	OC	1892	L. T. Younger, New Hope	3	3	1	...	6	2	...	128	54	182	...	...	.....	....	.....
Bethel	OC	1800	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	1	3	4	...	2	1	1	...	...	204	*	1	.....	....	1200
Bethlehem	OC	1888	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	1 3	10	3	...	10	4	...	321	...	321	...	1	.....	....	2000
Beulah	V	1916	W. C. Barkley, Troutman	2 4	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	.....	....	.....
Concord	OC	1852	Harvey White, Taylorsville	1 3	...	3	...	...	4	...	248	...	248	...	1	1576.45	....	3000
Damascus	OC	1839	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	2 4	2	2	...	5	5	...	125	55	180	...	1	.....	....	2500
Dover	OC	1833	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	2 4	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	400.00	....	2000
Fairview	OC	1922	G. D. White, Statesville, R5	3	8	...	...	...	1	...	180	...	180	*	1	.....	....	1500
Gay's Chapel	OC	1885	D. C. Thompson, New Hope	1 3	...	2	...	2	...	...	93	...	93	*	2	.....	....	1000
Hiddenite	V	1915	Homer L. Good, Stony Point	1 3 4	2	10	...	...	...	...	116	39	155	*	1	.....	....	6800
Island Ford	OC	1943	Hamey White, Taylorsville	1 3	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	7	27	...	1	.....	....	2000
Lebanon	OC	1884	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1 3	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	75	...	1	70.00	....	4500
Liledoun	V	1906	James Lail, Taylorsville	All	6	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	263	...	1	.....	....	1000
Linney's Grove	OC	1895	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	2	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	142	...	1	.....	....	.....
Little River	OC	1792	D. L. Bumgarner, Tayorsville	All	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	127	*	1	.....	....	.....
Macedonia	OC	1855	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	3	3	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	172	...	1	.....	....	2000
Millersville	V	1923	James Lail, Taylorsville	1 3	...	...	...	15	1	...	89	...	89	...	...	.....	....	.....
Mt. Hebron	OC	1915	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	1 3	8	1	...	3	3	...	163	...	163	...	1	.....	....	1500
Mt. Hermon	OC	1912	James Lail, Taylorsville	2 4	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	251	...	1	1982.30	....	9000
Mt. Nebo	OC	1907	R. C. Lloyd, Statesville, R5	1 3	...	...	...	1	...	...	94	...	94	...	1	.....	....	3000
Mt. Olive	OC	1865	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	2 4	6	2	...	3	3	...	113	40	153	...	1	700.00	....	2500
Oxford Memorial	OC	1942	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1 3	11	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	70	...	2	.....	....	1500
Pilgrim	OC	1835	W. N. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	1 3	1	1	...	14	...	2	...	...	...	*	1	.....	....	1800
Pleasant Hill	OC	1852	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1 3	5	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	211	...	1	.....	....	1500
Pleasant Grove	OC	1900	G. D. White, Statesville, R5	2	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	.....	....	1500
Poplar Springs	OC	1872	W. O. Johnston, Taylorsville	1 3	6	1	...	5	...	...	178	...	178	*	1	112.00	....	500
Rocky Creek	OC	1940	J. W. Eldreath, Jefferson	4	4	...	...	...	1	1	52	5	57	...	1	.....	....	550
Rocky Face	OC	1946	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	2 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	...	.....	....	.....
Smyrna	OC	1923	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	1 3	4	4	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	.....	....	.....
Stony Point	T	1909	Homer Good, Stony Point	All	5	4	...	8	4	...	300	76	376	*	1	906.97	4000	10000
Sulphur Springs	OC	1867	G. D. White, Statesville, R5	3	3	...	...	4	2	...	160	50	210	*	1	.....	....	4500
Taylorsville 1st	C	1918	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	All	14	14	...	7	1	2	310	100	410	...	2	698.47	3000	18000
Taylorsville East	C	1924	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	All	22	8	3	2	...	...	...	...	243	*	1	292.06	....	2500
Taylor Springs	OC	1852	G. D. White, Statesville, R5	1	4	2	...	5	2	...	200	70	270	*	1	.....	....	2500
Three Forks	OC	1857	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1 3	4	1	...	12	...	...	361	...	361	*	1	145.00	....	15000
White Plains	OC	1912	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	1 3	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	270	...	1	.....	....	2000
TOTALS	...	....	....	.....	165	72	3	140	47	8	3558	546	6168	12	38	7128.53	7000	138850

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL SUPT. R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll, Under 3	Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8 Years	Juniors, 9 12 Years	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults 25 and Up	Extension Dept.	Gen., Dept. Officers	Tot. Enrollment, Including Ofcrs. Teachrs	Average Attendance	Have V. B. S.?	Enrollment V. B. S.	Av. Att. V. B. S.
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville	15	20	25	25	25	25	75	20	3	230	100	...	...	...
Bethany	Ed Hendren, Pores Knob	...	...	16	16	...	14	12	...	...	....	66	...	...	...
Bethel	V. K. Bentley, Taylorsville	...	...	16	16	15	14	12	...	...	....	40	...	...	...
Bethlehem	Ray Sherill, Granite Falls	...	...	14	19	15	22	30	...	2	....	70	...	...	...
Beulah	Earnest James, Taylorsville	...	9	11	...	14	...	12	...	2	45	50	...	...	...
Concord	Lester Fox, Taylorsville	...	...	10	...	12	...	18	..	..	40	25	...	...	...
Damascus	R. A. Wilson, Statesville, R2	...	...	7	5	10	18	25	...	...	....	39	...	...	...
Dover	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville	...	6	...	15	...	15	20	...	...	....	50	...	...	...
Fairview	W. B. Henderson, Hiddenite	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	55	...	...	...
Gay's Chapel	E. T. Cashion, 1219 5th St., Statesville	4	13	...	14	17	...	28	...	...	....	53	...	...	...
Hiddenite	Harlan Lackey, Hiddenite	8	16	12	12	19	10	22	7	2	....	100	*	68	62
Island Ford	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville	...	8	7	...	...	...	15	..	...	30	16	...	...	...
Liledoun	James W. Teague, Taylorsville	...	20	...	12	26	21	31	...	...	115	102	...	...	...
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	40	...	...	...
Little River	L. W. Davis, Pores Knob	...	15	...	20	...	16	30	...	...	....	50	...	...	...
Macedonia	Ray Icenhour, Taylorsville	10	12	10	8	15	15	40	...	...	110	65	...	...	...
Millersville	Mrs. Foy Icenhour, Taylorsville	...	...	10	18	20	...	19	...	...	67	25	...	...	...
Mt. Hebron	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	30	...	...	...
Mt. Hermon	P. E. Johnston, Taylorsville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	135	91	...	...	...
Mt. Nebo	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...
Mt. Olive	D. F. Lowe, Pores Knob	...	10	...	14	...	26	20	...	...	70	40	...	...	...
Oxford Memorial	Millard Brookshire, Lenoir, R2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.. .	33	...	...	...
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	10	15	8	17	7	36	49	...	2	....	77	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill	Tommie Daniels, Taylorsville	...	16	...	25	27	...	41	...	2	....	41	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove	Lincoln Childers, Statesville, R7	10	14	...	...	14	...	38	...	7	....	48	...	...	...
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville	...	12	...	15	...	15	18	...	...	....	60	...	...	...
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	...	6	...	6	...	...	12	...	...	....	24	...	...	...
Rocky Face	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...
Smyrna	C. M. Cline, Taylorsville	...	3	4	6	8	6	5	...	...	....	31	...	...	...
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, R7	20	20	21	31	33	35	100	...	16	260	164	*	113	95
Sulphur Springs	Fred Hendren, Hiddenite	5	18	15	20	...	30	52	...	2	140	120	*	32	20
Taylorsville 1st	H. T. Gryder, Taylorsville	24	14	28	47	8	24	151	...	4	300	152	*	81	69
Taylorsville East	Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville	8	10	21	37	40	23	23	8	...	....	72	*	56	34
Taylor Springs	Mrs. Bertha Redmond, New Hope	...	10	...	12	6	12	20	...	...	60	45	...	...	...
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	...	20	...	16	18	25	56	...	...	....	91	...	...	...
White Plains	R. L. Adams, Taylorsville	8	12	12	10	...	30	23	...	...	....	50	...	...	...
TOTALS	....	122	299	247	436	349	432	997	35	47	1577	2115	5	350	260

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Adult Unions	Y. P. Unions	Int. Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Tot. Unions, St. Hrs.	Adults Enrolled	Young People	Int Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hrs. Enrolled	Gen. Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Youth Week	Chr. Home Week
Stony Point.....	Libby Alxander, Stony Point.....	1	1	1	1	1	5	7	10	15	16	14	8	58	31	...	...
Taylorsville 1st.....	Lucq Thompson, Taylorsville.....	...	1	1	1	...	3	...	8	10	14	...	1	33	21	...	...
TOTALS.....	....	1	2	2	2	1	8	7	18	25	30	14	9	91	52	...	...

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR Mrs. W. D. Early 1051A So. Ave., Fayetteville PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	Number W. M. S.	Number Y. W. A.'s	Number G. A.'s	Number R. A.'s	Number Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W.M.S. Members	Y.W.A. Members	G.A. Members	R.A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members	Enrolled In Mission Study	Contributions (Local Work) Given By W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given By W.M.U.
Hiddenite	Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	2	...	1	...	...	3	37	...	12	...	...	49	14	9.75	112.13
Stony Point	Mrs. T. P. Watts, Stony Point	2	1	1	...	1	5	35	16	21	...	32	104	...	44.00	329.03
Taylorsville 1st	Miss Grace Harrington, Taylorsville.	6	1	3	...	1	11	103	10	28	...	10	148	68	1037.01	617.44
TOTALS	....	10	2	5	...	2	19	175	26	61	...	42	401	82	1090.76	1058.60

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Incidentals	Asst. Pastor, Ed. Dir., Choir Leader, Etc.	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Church Debt and Interest	Literature for Church Use, S. S., Etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of Ass'n	Building Reserve Fund	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and Its Orgs.
✓Antioch	Earl Cline, Taylorsville, R2	399.00	244.66	.....	208.00	245.28	91.01	10.00	7.25	2065.07	31.75	3302.02
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	340.40	.....	.....	80.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	425.40
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	231.26	.....	.....	80.00	.....	43.75	.....	5.25	.....	86.00	446.26
Bethlehem	....	1396.11	72.00	.....	100.00	.....	59.19	28.48	8.00	2337.54	.....	4001.32
Beulah	Bertha Vickes, Taylorsville	250.00	48.32	.....	73.17	.....	31.94	95.00	2.00	.....	.....	543.00
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	663.18	10.00	.....	60.00	.....	25.00	43.35	.....	1576.45	.....	2377.98
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, R2	621.05	18.00	.....	125.00	.....	52.16	.....	7.75	.....	.....	823.96
Dover	Dolphine Mooney, Taylorsville	378.12	.....	.....	75.00	400.00	18.66	20.00	1.50	.....	.....	902.28
Fairview	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	429.88	75.50	.....	135.58	.....	25.98	25.00	6.50	.....	110.00	808.44
Gay's Chapel	A. G. Starrette, Statesville, R2	382.26	12.71	.....	315.19	.....	17.82	.....	8.55	312.04	52.36	1193.00
Hiddenite	J. A. Adams, Hiddenite	1140.92	94.97	.....	131.26	.....	498.53	.....	7.00	725.18	37.11	2634.79
✓Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville, R6	245.48	15.93	.....	26.90	.....	.....	.....	1.75	.....	.....	289.16
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville	459.00	.....	20.00	140 00	.....	3.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	525.00
Liledoun	T. F. Keener, Taylorsville	740.21	71.55	11.00	112.20	.....	58.53	.....	.....	.....	49.50	1043.15
Linney's Grove	....	344.22	10.09	.....	60.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	417.31
Little River	R. O. Mullis, Taylorsville	1400.00	35.60	128.00	75.00	.....	52.00	184.47	8.00	.....	1647.52	3530.59
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	485.43	25.00	45.00	144.50	.....	33.50	20.50	8.00	50.00	20.00	831.93
Millersville	Mrs. Jack Carrigan, Taylorsville	284.14	146.29	.....	50.00	.....	24.80	.....	6.00	.....	19.50	480.73
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wire, Pores Knob	384.83	.....	.....	60.00	.....	20.00	31.43	2.45	125.00	70.00	693.71
Mt. Hermon	Willie O. Johnston, Taylorsville	421.25	186.89	.....	77.60	.....	45.98	58.15	7.00	1982.30	100.00	2878.57
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	344.65	.....	.....	48.58	.....	.....	.....	6.59	.....	.....	399.82
Mt. Olive	B. J. Deal, Pores Knob	516.18	10.00	.....	160.00	.....	31.05	.....	5.00	700.00	13.75	1435.98
Oxford Memorial	Don Reed, Lenoir, R2	364.27	122.54	.....	126.11	.....	31.96	125.00	3.00	.....	.....	772.88
Pilgrim	Wade Conolly, Hiddenite	288.70	.....	117.20	78.05	.....	37.70	.....	5.50	.....	89.20	616.85
Pleasant Hill	Fred Harrington, Taylorsville	630.00	38.50	35.00	112.72	.....	51.00	27.00	4.00	.....	.....	897.72
Pleasant Grove	D. L. Sherrill, Statesville, R7	475.25	9.60	.....	75.00	.....	42.80	20.27	6.00	364.00	72.93	1065.85
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	711.02	34.00	.....	339.78	.....	25.00	.....	3.00	.....	116.63	1229.43
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	212.47	.....	.....	111.68	.....	3.40	18.00	5.00	20.50	51.26	414.31
Rocky Face	Crowson Wike, Taylorsville	30.00	.....	.....	37.50	.....	.....	.....	3.50	.....	.....	71.25
Smyrna	J. W. Perkins, Conover	204.00	44.55	.....	53.00	.....	61.31	.....	4.00	158.00	1.00	525.89
Stony Point	Mrs. A. F. Ball, Stony Point	2271.42	422.15	.....	166.31	906.97	145.37	55.42	10.00	29.00	16.10	4012.74
Sulphur Springs	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite	702.63	18.68	.....	137.17	.....	70.72	.....	10.50	225.00	223.70	1299.32
Taylorsville 1st	R. L. Moore, Taylorsville	2333.47	698.47	.....	361.42	1611.14	284.82	.....	10.00	11873.00	134.00	17272.56
Taylorsville East	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville	743.80	62.33	35.00	300.00	.....	94.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	1235.22
Taylor Springs	....	458.75	18.00	.....	141.00	.....	63.00	50.75	7.00	.....	82.00	821.50
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1163.41	24.00	65.00	160.08	.....	211.98	102.54	12.25	145.00	.....	1919.18
White Plains	I. C. Sloope, Taylorsville	473.63	14.40	174.00	40.00	.....	43.72	.....	.....	.....	12.75	759.50
TOTALS	....	22920.39	2585.47	630.20	4576.30	3163.39	2299.17	915.36	196.34	22688.08	3047.06	62898.60

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, Etc.

CHURCHES	AND ADDRESSES CLERKS OF CHURCHES	Gifts To Co-operative Program	Designated To Associational Missions	Designated To State Missions	Designated To Home Missions	Designated To Foreign Missions	Orphanages (Cash, Estimated Value of Clothing, etc.)	Designated To Hospitals	Designated To Red Cross And Foreign Relief	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total For All Missions	Grand Total, All Purposes Given by Church and Its Orgs.
Antioch	.....	91.00	.....	15.00	.....	.....	57.46	66.63	38.40	.....	267.91	3570.01
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.04	125.50	19.00	.....	.....	162.54	587.94
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	67.16	27.50	12.00	.....	.....	106.66	552.92
Bethlehem	.....	.....	160.19	.....	.....	59.19	186.85	44.00	60.36	.....	510.59	4511.91
Beulah	J. A. Webster, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	61.01	24.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	585.83
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.30	19.00	10.15	5.00	.....	43.45	2421.43
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, R2	.....	65.26	.....	.....	188.84	117.74	58.94	54.14	85.81	570.73	1394.69
Dover	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	930.99
Fairview	J. W. Query, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.76	91.82	23.78	.....	10.25	165.61	974.05
Gay's Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, R1	.....	.....	7.00	.....	243.89	25.43	.....	.....	.....	276.36	1377.24
Hiddenite	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite	.....	.....	81.84	20.00	164.65	302.08	43.84	.....	.....	612.41	3247.20
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.80	.....	.....	2.80	291.16
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, R2	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	25.00	15.00	50.00	.....	140.00	665.00
Lliedoun	Rowe Chapman, Taylorsville	.....	.....	20.40	23.50	.....	25.00	37.00	35.50	.....	.....	1154.56
Linney's Grove	J. E. Tedder, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.00	19.32	.....	.....	36.32	453.63
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.00	25.26	.....	.....	67.26	3597.85
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86.00	25.00	.....	.....	111.00	942.93
Millersville	J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.15	.....	14.78	.....	.....	47.93	528.66
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	11.48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.48	705.19
Mt. Hermon	P. E. Johnston, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	76.85	153.47	76.85	100.00	.....	107.17	3285.74
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.76	.....	.....	.....	411.68
Mt. Olive	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	.....	.....	35.00	.....	41.92	140.08	35.00	21.75	61.25	335.00	1770.98
Oxford Memorial	Edith Caldwell, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.08	69.78	10.10	.....	.....	104.96	877.84
Pilgrim	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.68	10.80	6.95	.....	.....	60.43	677.28
Pleasant Hill	Homer Daniels, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.25	.....	90.25	.....	.....	.....	1078.22
Pleasant Grove	B. S Johnston, Stony Point, R1	.....	.....	.....	.....	132.80	48.01	38.43	.....	.....	219.24	1285.09
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.84	92.12	21.66	.....	.....	164.62	1394.05
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	1.60	3.40	21.00	11.38	.....	.....	37.38	451.69
Rocky Face	Miller Walker, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	15.00	15.00	.....	.....	45.00	116.25
Smyrna	Paul Teague, 1217 11th Ave., Hickory	80.00	.....	6.00	5.00	5.00	59.73	23.10	.....	.....	186.85	712.94
Stony Point	W. M. Watts, Stony Point	289.39	.....	.....	.....	482.62	374.49	80.00	.....	.....	1226.50	5239.24
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	148.49	188.36	25.86	.....	.....	362.71	1661.03
Taylorsville 1st	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	312.00	.....	.....	32.78	.....	212.45	54.65	.....	.....	611.88	19538.89
Taylorsville East	Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.12	74.82	30.00	15.00	.....	133.94	1369.16
Taylor Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58.05	22.15	32.48	.....	.....	112.68	934.18
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	59.00	194.91	25.00	.....	.....	278.91	2189.09
White Plains	S. L. Cook, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.00	.....	50.00	.....	46.00	752.96
TOTALS	.....	772.39	225.14	165.84	155.37	2144.77	2846.52	1005.97	430.21	157.31	7066.33	72246.42

HISTORICAL TABLES

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Pool	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Spring	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1908	Concord	W. E. Lonney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Pool	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mount Hermon	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918				
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	W. E. White
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	J. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	Taylorsville, East.	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watt	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville 1st	Homer L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a report of the funds that have passed through my hands the past year.

Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer.

CHURCHES	Minutes and Associational Expense Fund	T. L. Blalock	Baptist Hospital	Baptist World Relief	Orphanage	State Missions
Antioch	$ 7.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany	5.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	5.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	8.00	.....	44.05	60.36	.....	.....
Beulah	3.75	24.70	39.00	.....	27.25	11.08
Concord	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Damascus	7.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairview	6.50	20.69	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gay's Chapel	8.55	9.79	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hiddenite	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island Ford	1.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liledoun	3.75	.....	37.00	.....	25.00	.....
Linney's Grove	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little River	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Millersville	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Hebron	2.45	11.48	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Herman	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Nebo	6.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Olive	5.00	.....	.....	30.32	.....	.....
Oxford Memorial	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pilgrim	5.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Springs	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Creek	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smyrna	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stony Point	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs	10.50	65.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylorsville, First	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylorsville, East	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylor Springs	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Forks	12.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Plains	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Face	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Associational Collection	20.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS	231.96	142.66	120.05	90.68	52.25	11.08

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I. Appointed to serve this session

A: Time, Place, Preacher

Paul Mayberry, Fred Teague, Mrs. Gussie Rogers.

B: Nominations

Walter Russell, Pleas Smith, R. B. McLeod

C: Resolutions

W. N. Hayes, O. L. Fry, R. Lee Teague

II To serve until next session

A: Constitution of Churches

A. B. Bumgarner, J. A. Webster, Chas. E. Echerd, J. A. Icenhour, J. P. Watts

B: Digest of Church Letters

C. G. Toms, Chas. E. Echerd, R. L. Moose

C: Ordination of Ministers

E. V. Bumgarner, H. L. Good, A. B. Bumgarner, E. C. Shoe, Wayne Austin

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W. M. U., Miss Marcella Hines ..... Hiddenite, N. C.

VISITORS ENROLLED

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List of Messengers

ANTIOCH—G. C. Teague, W. R. Austin, John Teague,
BETHANY—C. J. Hendren, Wade Poole, M. V. Roberson, Junior Costner.
BETHEL—E. F. Millsaps, J. L. Smith, Lawrence Marlow.
BETHLEHEM—R. Lee Teague, Fred Sigmon, Howard Teague.
BEULAH—Charlie Brown, Henry McDuffie, J. A. Webster, Escar Bowman.
CONCORD—Lester Fox, Erby Martin, Mrs. Hattie Sherrill, Mrs. W E. Saylor.
DAMASCUS—T. B. Johnson, R. A. Wilson, Floyd Sloan.
DOVER—R. C. White, Ed Mooney.
FAIRVIEW—J. W. Querry, W. B. Hendren, Wesley Bunton.
GAYS CHAPEL—G. L. Deal, A. C. Cloer, Ray Kennedy.
HIDDENITE—Mr. R. L. Grant, Mrs. Mack Kerley, Mrs. T. L. Matlock Mr. R. G. Gooden.
ISLAND FORD—
LEBANON—Mrs. H. B. Fortner, Mrs. Christine Kerley, Mrs. C. D Poole.
LILEDOUN—Rowe Chapman, James W. Teague, Arthur Jenkins.
LINNEY'S GROVE—S. D. Gwaltney, Lee Childers, Parks Shoemaker.
LITTLE RIVER—D. L. Orren, Ralph Walker, Linsie Brown.
MACADONIA—W. P. Smith, Ray Icenhour, Charlie Keever.
MILLERSVILLE—Ben Thompson, Mrs. Ben Thompson, Mrs. Jack Carrigan.
MT. HERMAN—Mrs. P. E. Johnson, Herman Kerley, W. D. Johnson.
MT. NEBO—J. R. Burgess, M. M. Christopher, C. A. Burgess.
MT. OLIVE—Mrs. Ronda Pearson, Mrs. Shirlie Clanton, Mr. Russell
OXFORD MEMODIAL—Mrs. Effie Caldwell, Mrs. J. C. Blair, Mrs. Estelle Reid.
PILGRIM—Paul Mayberry, L. C. Millsaps, J. H. Bunton.
PLEASANT HILL—Joe Tevepaugh, Homer Daniels, Gene Harrington.
PLEASANT GROVE—L. S. Johnson, J. L. Childers, Paul Levan.
POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Carl Robinette, Norris Bumgarner.
ROCKY CREEK—Hubert Hawn, R. B. Anderson, W. C. Anderson.
ROCKY FACE—Marvin Mitchell, David Loudermilk.
SMYRNA—Paul Teague, Mrs. Paul Teague, Earl Teague, Mrs. Earl Teague, Mr. Fred Teague.
STONY POINT—W. M. Watts, J. P. Watts, C. W. Combs, C. J. Hendren.
SULPHUR SPRINGS—S. F. Cook, W. G. Hendren, Joe Duncan.
TAYLORSVILLE FIRST—R. L. Moose, W. W. Harrington, C. F. Weber, C. G. Toms, Mrs. C. E. Echerd, Miss Lucy Thompson.
TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mr. R. W. Meredith, Leroy Smith, Mrs. Butler Chapman.
TAYLOR SPRINGS—Nancy Williams, Howard Redmon, R. H. Redmon, Kenenth Redmon.
THREE FORKS—R. B. McLeod, E. C. Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Rogers.
WHITE PLAINS—

Church Directories

ANTIOCH—Pastor: E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville; Clerk V. W. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treasurer: Earl Cline, Taylorsville, Rt 2; S. S. Superintendent: W. R. Austin, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President: Mrs. O. E. Teague, Taylornville, Rt. 2.

BETHANY—Pastor: L. T. Younger, New Hope; Clerk and Treasurer: C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob; S. S. Superintendent: Wade Poole, Gilreath, N. C.

BETHEL—Pastor: J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite; Clerk: E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; Treasurer: E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent: V. K. Bentley, Taylorsville, Rt. 3.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor: A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk: R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville, N. C., Treasurer: Arthur Bowman, Hickory, N. C., S. S. Superintendent: Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls.

BEULAH—Pastor: Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk: J. A. Webster, Taylorsville; Treasurer: Bertha Vickes, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent: Ernest James, Taylorsville.

CONCORD—Pastor: Wade Ragers, Taylorsville; Clerk and Treasurer: N. R. Martin, Stony Point; S. S. Superintendent: Lester Fox, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS—Pastor: C. J. Poole, Wilkesboro, N. C.; Clerk: Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2; Treasurer: Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt. 2.

DOVER—Pastor: Wade Rogers, Taylorsvile; Clerk: R. C. White, Taylorsville, N. C., Rt. 2; Treasurer: Dalphine Mooney, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

FAIRVIEW—Pastor: G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5; Clerk J. W. Querry, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; Treasurer: W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt. 2.

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LEBANON—Pastor: S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.; Treasurer: C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintenednt: C. C. Fortner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

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MILLERSVILLE—Pastor: Clerk J. B. Thompson, Taylorsville, Rt. 1; Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Carrigan, Tayltrsville Rt. 1; S. S. Superintendent: Mrs. Foy Icenhour, Taylorsville Route 1.

MT. HEBRON—Pastor: Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk: C. C. Deal, Pores Knob; Treasurer: Gaither Wike, Pores Knob; S. S. Superintendent:

MT. HERMAN—Pastor: James Lail, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Clerk: P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2;; Treasurer: Willie D. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

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PLEASANT GROVE—Pastor: G. D. White, Statesville, Rt. 5; Clerk: L. S. Johnson, Stony Point, Rt. 1; Treasurer: D. L. Sherrill, Statesville, Rt. 7; S. S. Superintendent: Paul Levan, Statesville, Rt. 2.

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ROCKY FACE—Pastor: Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville Route 3; Clerk: Miller Walker, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; Treasurer: Crowson Wike, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; S. S. Superintendent: O. M. Walker, Taylorsville, Rt. 3.

SMYRNA—Pastor: E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville; Clerk: Paul Teague, 1217-11 Ave. Hickory; Treasurer: J. W. Perkins, Conover, Rt. 1; S. S. Superintendent: C. M. Cline, Taylorsville, Rt. 1.

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TAYLOR SPRINGS—Pastor: G. D. White, Statesville Rt. 5; Clerk: Kenneth Redmond; Treasurer: Carolyn Williams; S. S. Superintendent: Dean Redmond, New Hope, N. C.

THREE FORKS—Pastor: E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Clerk: R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treasurer: R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville Rt. 2; S. S. Superintendent: R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville.

WHITE PLAINS—Pastor: R. C. Lloyd, Statesville, N. C. Rt. 6; Clerk: S. L. Cook, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; Treasurer: I. E. Sloop, Taylorsville Rt. 3; S. S. Superintendent: R. L. Adams, Taylorsville Rt. 3.

PROCEEDINGS

Sixtieth Annual Session

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

First Day

Wednesday, Ocober 8, 1847, 10:00 A. M.

Be it remembered that on the 8 and 9th days of October, A. D. 1947, the Alexander Missionary Baptist Association held its 60th Annual Session with East Taylorsville, and Taylor Springs Baptist Churches.

2. The association was called to order by the moderator, A. C. Payne, and W. W. Harrington, Director of music, led the congregation in singing, "Standing on the Promises". J. A. Icenhour led the devotional service, using as the scripture lesson Romans 12: 1-8. J. A. Webster led the opening prayer.

3. The roll call of churches revealed that 118 messengers were present, and upon motion these messengers and others to come constitute the association.

4. The following program prepared by the program committee was adopted:

Wednesday Morning, October 8th, 1947

10:00—Song
10:05—Devotion ..... J. A. Icenhour
10:15—Roll Call of Churches—Adoption of Program—Recognition of Visitors—Appointment of Committees.
10:35—"Laborers Together with God"—1 Cor. 3:9 ..... James Lail
11:00—Report on Christian Education (Wake Forest)—E. C. Shoe
11:30—Miscellaneous., Business.
11:35—Song
11:40—Annual Sermon ..... A. E. Watts
12:15—Noon Recess

Wednesday Afternoon, October 8th, 1947

1:15—Song
1:20—Devotion ..... W. O. Johnson
1:30—Call for delinquent churches
1:35—Report on Missions ..... E. V. Bumgarner
2:25—Song
2:30—Report on Calling your Pastor ..... A. C. Payne
2:50—W. M. U. Report ..... Miss Marcella Hines
3:10—Election of Officers for next year
3:20—Miscellaneous Business—Adjourn

Thursday Morning, October 9th, 1947

10:00—Song
10:05—Devotion ..... L. T. Younger
10:15—Call for delinquent churches
10:20—Report on Baptist Literature ..... H. L. Good
10:40—Report on Christian Giving ..... G. D. White
11:00—Song
11:05—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Report on Hospital ..... Jeffie Daniels
11:30—Report on Orphanage ..... Harvey White
11:45—Address ..... Dr. I. G. Greer
12:15—Noon Recess

Thursday Afternoon, October 9th, 1947

1:15—Song
1:20—Devotion ..... D. C. Thompson
1:30—Report on the Alcohol Problem ..... A. B. Bumgarner
2:00—Report on B. T. U. ..... C. G. Toms
2:20—Song
3:00—Miscellaneous Business— Report of Committees—Adjourn

5. Visitors were welcomed by Moderator Payne. The list of our visitors on another page.

6. At 10:40 the program organization completed, and the committees appointed.

7. Bro. James Lail hindered by sickness and was not present to speak on his subject "Laborers Together".

8. The report on Christian Education was read by E. C. Shoe, who yielded his time to Mr. Claude Gaddy, who spoke to the report on Christian Education. Mr. Gaddy challenged the people of Alexander Association, especially the pastors to get behind the Wake Forest College program. C. C. Burris, was present and spoke greetings from Wingate, Jr. College. Mr. Burrus emphasized their willingness to serve the people, especially supplying the pulpits in the absence of the pastor.

M. L. Kendell brought greetings from Mars Hill College.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN BAPTIST SCHOOLS

Christian Education must rest on a solid foundation, casting its roots in many directions. The home, the church, the school, and community life, all these pour streams of influence into the growing life. The flavor of the water at the spigot is determined by the elements of the water in the fountain. Let Baptists be careful what they teach and who teaches in our schools.

We have now in operation in North Carolina six Baptist colleges: Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Garner-Webb, and Wingate. All our schools are taxed to capacity this year, and our gifts which will approximate $351,959, will be divided among them as follows: Wake Forest $108,882; Meredith $78,540; Campbell $43,175; Mars Hill $59,048; Gardner-Webb $37,812; Wingate $24,502. This represents the most generous aid that Baptist have put into the operating purposes of these colleges. But our chief assets are the 4,500 young men and young women who are enrolled in these colleges at the present time.

Our Council on Christian Education, composed of 52 members —24 from the colleges and 24 from the churches, with 4 ex-officio members, is doing a fine job in co-ordinating and guiding these schools to greater usefulnses. Let us stand together and plan together for better days ahead. Instead of sounding a note of defeat, let us blow a trumpet. Let us inform, inspire, and expire before the world is set on fire! As goes our education in America so will go the life of our people.

Better days are already here for Baptist in field of Christian Education. Wake Forest College has recently attracted the attention of the South by the large and generous gift of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Her future is guaranteed, her usefulness is secured, her life is assured—that is, if we Baptists have a Master, a Mission, and a Message. But the dream is not so simple, much work must be done.

By action of the Baptist State Convention in Asheville last Novemmber, Wake Forest College was authorized to secure during the next three years $1,500,000 through the churches. Mr. Horace Easom has been selected by the committee of Seventeen, named by the Baptist State Convention, to direct and lead our churches in this great undertaking. The reports thus far are very encouraging, but all reports are not in—the question is, will every Baptist church, my church, your church, our church, all churches have a part? There is but one answer, we ought to, we could, and God helping us and leading us, we will.

Surely our churches will provide one fourth of the cost of a $6,000,000 building program. To fail in this effort would be like a man taking three steps toward home and refusing to take the last step, or to put it in another way; it would be like a man standing at the cross-road, just four miles from home, and a car would come along offering to take him three miles if he would walk the last mile; but he would say no, if you don't take me all the way I will not go—how foolish he would be; so would would our Baptist churches be if we fail to take that last step. History marks time, will Baptist make a mark? Will Alexander Baptists make a mark? Every church will be given a chance to make a gift on the building program on that beautiful site in Winston-Salem, N. C., and may Wake Forest, Dear Old Wake Forest, move into her new home on schedule time, and may she hold the torch of Truth firm and high, and her leading question be; "Quo vadis domini?"

Respectfully,

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCHES

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the local Church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and cooperative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurridly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual session at Damascus Church October, 6, 1943 name a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (With the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give counsel and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by intersted parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has the endorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, name a committee of pastors and deacons to sit in council with a sister church in a matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of the denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to co-operate in the Faith and work "Once and for all delivered unto the saints."

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Shoe

9. At this time L. L. Carpenter, editor of Biblical Recorder, was given time to discuss Baptist Literature. The report to be read on following day according to program. Mr. Carpenter reported briefly on his trip to Europe.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Said wise old Solomon, "Of making books there is no end. Eccl. 12:12. The whole world seems to be reading today. Still there is a steady flow of books coming from the press daily. Books of every imaginable form and character of publication. Much that is trival, salacious, and destructively evil, find a public demand with eager eyes to devour.

It is indeed gratifying that there is a steady stream of wholesome Christian literature to which we and our children may have access. Our Thomasville Orphanage publication "Charity and Children" would reveal Christ among the little ones in all His tenderness, love, and mercy; making homes for the homeless, help for the helpless, with the guidance of a father and the love of a mother. Our "Biblical Recorder" reveals the same Christ walking among the candle sticks, observing and blessing the churches and ever challenging them to a greater work. Our Home Mission Board offers literature that reveals the same Christ in a larger way walking among millions of unsaved in the southland. The White, Negroes, Indians and all races from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the southern states. The Foreign Mission Board would have us to lift our eyes even higher, wider, as it magnifies Christ as the Christ of every man and every land through its publication "The Commission". And recently another great Baptist monthly, "Home Life" has been born. No real Baptist home or any home, should be without this wonderful paper.

But amidst all of man's greatest efforts there stands one book that towers as a mountain above them. The Bible, God's revealation of Himself to man, has no substitute. Yet there is a definite place for other Christian literature along with it. Our conception of God's truth, and service to Christ and for Christ is as limited as our vision of Christ. Therefore let us enlarge and magnify our vision of Christ and His plan for us through constant reading of good wholesome, Christian literature. Good readnig brings vision and without vision the people perish.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer L. Good

10. Report on Associational Missionary by Committee appointed last year is read and adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Regarding an Associational Missionary, your Committee has found that a good many of our people are interested in securing a Missionary for our Association.

We believe enough of our Churches are interested to look further into this matter and therefore we recommend that the Executive Committee of our Association and pastors of our Association be named as a Committee to investigate this matter fully and be given the authority to secure a Missionary, if they think best.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts
Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney
Lucy Thompson
Committee.

11. On motion by E. C. Shoe that the Moderator call a meeting of the executive committee and pastors of the Association as soon as it is possible for the purpose of securing an associational missionary. Motion carried.

12. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung. Prayer by Charlie Poole.

13. Rev. A. E. Watts, preached the annual sermon. His subject "Thy Kingdom Come".

14. At this time words of welcome were spoken by pastor A. B. Bumgarner.

The blessing before the meal by L. L. Carpenter of Raleigh. Lunch was served by East Taylorsville Church.

15. After singing "What A Friend", the scripture lesson was read by A. E. Watts, who read from Psalms 23. Prayer by M. H. Kendall.

16. The report on missions was read by E. V. Bumgarner, a most able and appealing address was given by Mr. Bumgarner. Mr. Blalock spoke briefly on the mission report.

GENERAL REPORT ON MISSIONS

It has been said that an argument for or in behalf of missions is generally either needless or useless. It is needless with the believer; with the unbeliever and the disinterested believer it is useless. And yet not wholly so; for often believers and others as well have taken their opinions at second hand, and honest first hand study of the facts and principles of the missionary enterprise leads the one group to believe with deeper conviction and a firmer hope, and shakes the scepticism and opposition of the others who have known neither the aims nor the motives which inspire the movement.

The missionary movement rests first of all upon God. If men belive in God they believe in missions. It is the very being and character of God, that the deepest ground of the missionary enterprise is to be found. We cannot think of God except in terms which necessitate the missionary idea and spirit.

Missions stand immovable in the purpose of God. They should be the corner-stone as well as the crown in the fabric of the Christian church. This. stone so long rejected should become the head of the corner, and whosoever falls upon it—whatever church shall ignore its claims shall be broken.

Missions are not so much in need of the home church as the home church is in need of missions. The question is not so can the heathen be saved without the gospel but can the gospel be saved to the home church if it is not speedily given to the heathen. When a church ceases to be evangelistic or missionary in spirit it will soon cease to be evangelical.

During the early part of Christs ministry, that is from his Baptism to his death he said little or nothing about missions, but after his death and resurrection he said little or nothing about any thing else. His redemptive work having been finished, He longed to have his disciples proclaim the glad tidings every where, and hence he spoke of nothng else.

Moreover when he spoke of the theme of missions He always spoke as a master would address His disciples,as a captain would address his soldiers, as a king would address his subjects. At other times He suggested, He exhorted, He urged. But here without exception and without equivocation He commanded. Not once did He explain how He could demand what He was requiring, not once did He ask if there were any arguments to be expressed in answer to his proposals; but in full knowledge of the terrible cost, without allowing any escape from the obligation imposed, He simply said "Go".

In the face of such a burning passion and Divinely imposed obligation, there is but one conclusion to reach; the church of Jesus Christ has no choice as to whether she will or will not do the thing ordered. One who has purchased His people with His own blood, One who owns them in spirit soul and body, One who is indeed Master, Captain and King has positively commanded that His gospel be preached throughout the world. And for any church or churches to disobey is to do it at their present loss and future peril.

Surely the gospel is needed all over the world as never before in its history. It is needed here at home and to the ends of the world. The forces of evil are working over-time to destroy our churches and free institutions and to bring our people into a state of the most abject slavery and serfdom. There was never a greater challenge to the churches in her history than that which confronts her to-day. She should be doing not only her bit but her best to get the gospel—the hope of the world, to our own people then to the hungry, war-weary world. Will our people see this before it is everlastingly too late?

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner

Miss Nelly Mae Williams is recognized and spoke on her calling as a missionary, and her plans to go to China in a few weeks.

17. Rescue The Perishing" was sung.

18. A. C. Payne read the report on calling your pastor. Loyd Teague was recognized and gave a very timely message on churches calling their pastor.

CALLING YOUR PASTOR

There seems to be a growing desire on the part of Pastors, that Churches extend the indefinite instead of the usual annual call. So far as we know, there is no good reason why churches may not adopt the method of making an indefinite call. On the other hand, we would say, that it, can be stated without successful contradiction, that there are many handicaps for the church in the annual call. This method has always had its trouble, worry and anxiety. Therefore we consider it, not amiss, to advise with the churches in this Association, which have not adopted the indefinite call, and offer the following resolution:

That whereas, some church in this Association have not adopted the indefinite call to their pastor, but adhere to the annual call, now, therefore be it resolved that it is the sense of this Association, now in session, that it will be to the best interest of the churches, and pastor, if the indefinite call to the pastor is adopted, and put in force.

Respectfully submitted
A. C. Payne

19. Miss Frances Kerley is presented and read a report on Woman's Work, and after a discussion by her the report was adopted.

W. M. S.—SAVED TO SERVE

"I beseech you therefore, brethern, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

To be a soul winner worth while we must adopt Christ's map of the world and start as He commissioned: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Who are the missionaries at home and abroad, but men and women who were won to Christ in their youth? The missionaries of tomorrow are the young people won to Christ today. Our mission work at home and abroad depends on our witnessing here in Alexander County, and throughout the world.

Life needs to be accepted as living letters known and read by our words, our actions, our loyalties and our preferences. What a challenge to holy living in the presence of loved ones, business associates, neighbors, and "the stranger within our gates".

May we as Christians be willing to pay this high price. "Our lives will be a beacon to guide the way, a sunrise, that brings a new day, a help to others over life's way."

Frances Kerley

20. Election of Officers: The following were duly elected officers of the associaton:

E. V. Bumgarner, Moderator; Homer L. Good, Vice-Moderator; and W. W. Harrington, Clerk-Treasurer. A list of all officers may be found in the front of these minutes.

21. Constittion: The committee appointed last session to study the constitution and report to the association brought the following report.

CONSTITUTION

Committee—E. C. Shoe, A. C. Payne, A. E. Watts.

NAME

ARTICLE I.—This union of churches shall be known as the Alexander Baptist Association.

PURPOSE

ARTICLE II.—The object of this Association shall be to promote missions as set forth in Mat. 28: 16-20 and Acts 1: 1-8, to encourage the use of Baptist Literature in the life an work of the churches, to promote a Training Program designed to develop character and leadership in the churches, to co-operate with the North Carolina State and Southern Baptist Conventions, seeking to find the MIND and WILL of Christ as we "STRIVE TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL".

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE III.—Membership in this body shall consist of properly constituted Baptist churches in good standing. Each church of 100 members or less may send to the Association three messengers, churches of more than 100 members may have an additional messenger for each 50 members—no church can have more than twelve messengers. All officers and active pastors to be considered as messengers.

MEETINGS

ARTICLE IV.—This Association shall hold an annual meeting in October. The Executive Committee may call other meetings if necessary.

OFFICERS

ARTICLE V.—The officers of this Association shall consist of two parts:

Section 1.—A Moderator, Vice-Moderator, A Clerk-Treasure, and Historian—the same to be nominated from the floor and elected by ballot on first day of annual session, and to take charge at the close of the session.

Section 2.—A Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible School Superintendent, Baptist Training Union Director, and W. M. U. President—the same to be elected in their respective meetings and approved by the Association.

Section 3.—The above officers in section 1 and 2 to constitute the Executive Committee of the Association.

POWERS

ARTICLE VI—The powers of this Body shall be kept in strict conformity to New Testament Principles—autonomy and democracy. The Association cannot obligate or bind any church in any matter except on a suggestive and voluntary basis. All matters of the Association may be decided by a majority vote of messengers present. Any church may appeal to the Association for advice in difficlt matters. The Association may dissolve connection with any church considered to be unsound in Faith and Doctrine and disorderly in practice.

COMMITTEES

ARTICLE VII.—The Association shall have the following committees:

Section 1.—The Program Committee to consist of: the Moderator Superintendent of Sunday School, B. T. U. Director, W. M. U., President, and the host patsor—the Moderator being chairman.

Section 2.—Other committees to be appointed by the Moderator:

(1) Time, Place, and Preacher—three members.

(2) Church committee—three members.

(3) Resolutions' committee—three members.

(4) Constitution of churches and ordination of ministers—five members each—(pastors and deacons).

(5) Auditor—one person.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE II.—Enrolled messengers and letters present will constitute a quorum to transact business in the name of the Association during all sessions of all meetings—all matters being decided by a majority vote of messengers present.

ARTICLE III.—Duties of Officers: The Moderator shall preside at all meetings but may designate someone else in case he wishes to vacate the chair (he shall follow good parliamentary procedure in all mattter). The clerk-treasurer shall keep all records of meeting and publish same in Minutes, and handle all money that comes to his hands for the purpose intended (he shall receive $50.00 annually for his services). The auditor shall examine clerk's record and report same. The historian shall prepare a historical sketch of the Association and host church for publication in the Minutes.

ARTICLE IV.—Duties of committees: Time, place and preacher committee shall recommend the Time, Place, Preacher and Alternate for the next annual session. The church committee will examine letters for membership, hear requests from churches and consider status of churches in question—and report same to the Association in session. The resolutions committee shall prepare fitting resolutions concerning host church and the program, and such other matters as may be named by the Moderator. Constitution of churches and Ordination committees to report their work when called upon for advisory council. The auditor to examine and report condition of clerk's record.

ARTICLE V.—The Associatioon may dissolve connecton or put on probation any church considered to be unsound in doctrine, disorderly in practice, and non-co-operative in purpose.

ARTICLE VI.—The expenses of the Association to be provided for by the churches—the same to be sent with letters or messengers to the Association.

ARTICLE VII.—The Constitution and By-Laws may be changed, amended, or revised by Act of the Body in any regular session, providing announcement has been made beforehand.

22. After prayer by Grover Teague, the session was adjourned to convene again the following day at 10:00 A. M. Thursday, October 9, 1947, at Taylor Springs Baptist Church.

23. Thursday morning, October 9, 1947. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:00 a. m. congregation singing "Amazing Grace" Scripture and prayer by Jeffie Daniels, who read Matt. 6: 5-13, prayer by E. C. Shoe.

24. H. L. Good and E. C. Shoe spoke briefly on Christian literature.

25. Report of Christian Giving is ready by the clerk in the absence of G. D. White.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him.—1 Cor. 16: 1.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart as let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver, 2 Cor. 9: 7.

1.—Every Christian should give regularly upon the first day of the week.

2.—How much, as the Lord has prospered him.

3.—We should give cheerfully as we purpose in our heart.

We appreciate the fact that the churches of this Association gave approximately $8,000 more in 1946 than in 1945, yet we are afraid in many instances or giving is disappointing to our Lord and Master, who gave himself for us.

Respectfully submitted
G. D. White

26.—At this time E. C. Shoe brought a message from the American Bible Society. Mr. Shoe praised the work the society is doing and urged the churches to support this organization with their prayers and offerings.

27.—Report on Temperance is read by A. B. Bumgarner, a very inspiring address by Mr. Bumgarner follows the report.

ALCHLOL REPORT

America is at war. How well we remember those words on December 8, 1941. The words that welded the United States into the greatest military unit the world has ever known. With few exceptions she threw her all into the fray, her labor, her money and her sons. She subdued the Germans and the Japanese but found that she still had no peace. An enemy more subtle in character, determined in spirit, ruthless in persecution and destructive in nature is threatening our civilization. King Alcohol recognizes no races, creeds, colors or conditions. He is ever the same, corrupting politics, polluting society, wrecking homes, blighting lives and bringing moral suicide to the Nation. The corriders of time are filled with the decaying remains of fallen nations. Let America take heed from historic examples such as Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Spain and others.

The secret of America's greatness has been the character, the soul-power, the morality of its citizens. But what claim can any nation lay to character, to morality, to say nothing of christianity that consumed last year 231,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits—140,000,000 gallons of wine, 53,000,000 package barrels of beer and 26,000,000 draught beer barrels and paid for it a total of $8,770,000,000 which is an average of $62.64 for every man, woman, boy and girl in the United States. This is an increase of 173,000,000 gallons over 1934 the last day of prohibition.

With increased consumption of alcohol beverages there has been an equal decline in morals and increase in crime. The United States is now approaching the ratio of three divorces out of every four marriages. A New York judge said on April 3, of this year, "As a judge of this court for a number of years I desire to say that during the past year approximately 3000 divorce cases have been heard in this court and 90 per cent of the cases have had liquor as a contributing cause or a major factor." He further states that, "In criminal cases brought before me almost invariably the defendant was intoxicated at the time he or she committed the crime."

Superior Court Judge Luther Hamilton, a prominent Methodist Layman, at the opening of court at Dunn, N. C., on September 2, of this year lamented the increase of crime and its high cost. He reminded the jurors that 17 billion dollars a year or 46 million dollars a day or 550 dollars a second is spent because of crime, four times more than is spent for education. He pointed out that 17 million crimes are committed each year; that there is a murder every 40 seconds and a felony every 22 seconds and that they are committed mostly by boys and girls 17 and 18 years old.

In view of these facts should not the church of the living God call upon our country to break its unholy alliance with the criminal forces which constitute and support the liquor traffic? Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we who are church members and professing christians should quit drinking intoxicating beverages; for the dealers say, "one half of our customers are church members."

2. That we through our churches, schools and in our homes put on an uncompromising crusade of education against the evils of alcoholic beverages to offset the wet propaganda of the liquor forces.

3. That we in our churches, homes and wherever we can cease not to preach and teach the regenerating grace of Jesus Christ as a sure preventive and a certain cure for drunkenness.

4. That all Christians vote and vote for only those candidates whom we know to be friends of prohibition.

5. That we whole-heartedly support with our prayers, our prayers, our money and our vote the Anti-Saloon League, the Allied Church League, and any other organization seeking the enactment of city, county, state or national prohbition.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. Bumgarner

28. Jeffie Daniels read the report on Hospital and Dr. McGee, spoke words of greetings from the Hospital.

OUR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Christian duty to the sick and suffering is abundantly taught in the Bible when Jesus had called together his twelve diciples and gave them power and authority he sent them forth to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick, Luke 9: 2.

Also when he sent forth the seventy He told them to heal the sick and to say the kingdom of Heaven is come nigh unto you Luke 10: 9.

Jesus set the example for us, Matthew 4: 23 and 24 tells us He went about all Galilee healing all manner of sickness and they brought all sick people and he healed them.

In the day of judgment He will say to them on the right I was sick and ye visited me and to them on the left, I was sick and ye visited me not in as much as ye did or did it not unto one of the least of my brethern ye did or did not unto me. Our Baptist Hospital like our own individual lives our homes and our churches is not perfect, yet I feel that it is a God given opportunity and one of our best ways of discharging our duty to suffering humanity in its present condition to say nothing of the new and much enlarged building which is already planned, and if one man is going to give $100,000 dollars surely we ought to be inspired and encouraged to do our little. We are proud of the equipment it has to meet the need of the various kinds of diseases, not only for them who are able to pay, but also those who can only pay part or none of the expense.

This free service is made possible through the Mothers Day offerings.

May we prayerfully and financilally support our hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffie Daniels.

29. The report on Orphanage was read by Harvey White, who yielded his time to Dr. Grier, who brought a timely message on "The Rights of A Child"

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

January 12, 1885, was the beginning date of the great undertaking in founding or establishing an Orphanage which Dr. Hufham so heartily favored. November 11, 1885, the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina became a reality.

There are certain reasons why orphanages and other child caring agencies are necessary. Among these are poverty, poor, health, and instability in the home.

The Baptist Orphanage was founded for the purpose of caring for Orphan children and yet one of the chief concerns of welfare agencies of the present time is the wrecked home. There are over a thousand children in the orphanages of North Carolina who have both parents living. The chief function of the home is to bring children into the world and to rear them. No other institution in all Christian Civilization has a legal moral right to bring children into the world, with all of our progress no substitute has yet been found for a Christian home.

The Baptist Orphanage has rarely ever been able to accept all the children for whom applications have been made and yet it has probably been too much on the receiving end of the line.

A great surgeon does not operate until he has made a thorough diagnosis. Institutions should analyze and get the background of each case before a child is admitted. Providing food, clothing, and shelter is not the full answer.

Many children for whom applications are made should never come to the orphanage. Peter at the gate beautiful would have done the beggar grave injustice if he had given him money, instead he said. Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazreth rise up and walk.

We believe that one of the greatest services the Orphanage can render is to make it possible for parents and children to help themselves. In addition to service we are rendering children in the orphanage we should help preserve and improve homes that are in danger of breaking down. Last year the orphanage through its case work helped to make adjustments for more than four hundred children where applications had been made to enter the orphanage. Perhaps this is one of the best services the orphanage rendered. In order to care for more children during these days when it is so expensive to build the orphanage autorities are developing a program of boarding home care. This enables them to place children in good homes under the supervision of the orphanage and thus give many children the privilege of having a good home without placing them in the institutioon.

Last year the orphanage cared for seven hundred children, sixty of these were cared for in boarding homes and fifty by mothers aid. Case work service was made available to 1107 children. This was made possible through loyalty of the Baptist denomination and other friends who month by month and at Thanksgiving time give to the support of these children in keeping with the will of the Master. Year after year we are more conscious that the method of supporting the Orphanage through once a month and Thanksgiving offerings is a wise Christian policy. In addition to cash offerings the Orphanage at all times use canned goods and other commodities needed for the daily support of a large family.

Once more we pledge our support to this institution that is dedicated to the one task of making strong, clean, Christian men and women out of boys and girls under our care.

Harry White

The blessing before the meal by I. G. Greer—Lunch was served by Taylor Springs Church.

30. After singing "Jesus Is Calling", D. C. Thompson, led the devotional using Psalms 34. Mr. Thompson led in prayer.

31. G. D. White who was not present for the morning session spoke on "Christian Giving". H. L. Good, and E. C. Shoe spoke briefly on this report.

32. The Training Union report was read by C. G. Toms. Dr. John Wayland of First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, brought a very fine message in the interest of training union work. Mr. Wayland emphasized Christian growth through training.

Report adopted.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

I wish to begin this report by calling to your minds this verse of scripture, Second Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Our Training Union work is based on that verse of scripture. The training union is a study group. Its purpose is to train Christian people in the study of the Bible, God's word, and in church membership. It strives to enlist all church members in training for greater service, in the church, and in God's Kingdom. Every church member should be given the opportunity to train himself or herself for efficient and useful service in the church. What is your church and mine doing toward the training of our young people and adults? What are we doing with the new members we take into the church? Do we offer them a place to train and work in their church life? So often we get, isn't it true, a new Christian on the church roll, but we leave him on his own from there out. We fail to offer any encouragement to take his place in our church. He isn't given an active part in our church program. Can we expect him to became, under these conditions, an enthusiastic and willing worker in the church?

This is an age when people seek activity and pleasure. They are going to the places, and doing the things, that offer activity and pleasure, as they know it. Unless our churches make a place, in their program, for activity and pleasure, the kind approved of God, our new church members won't have much interest in the work of the church. We must not forget or neglect our young people. We must give them training and recreation that will draw them into the church.

What kind of literature does our youth prefer? What kind does our newsstands offer them? Youth gets the kind it asks for. So many young people desire the type that does not lead to knowldge and growth in the Christian life. In our training program we have literature that is good for both mind and soul. Many young people who enter Christian service now, are, or have been, members of a Training Union. They have gotten, through the Training Union, a vision of the need for Christian workers; also a yearning and a desire to serve in God's work.

In our Association how many churches do we have? Thirty-seven, I believe. How many Training Unions in these thirty-seven churches? Five, I understand. Why should not at least fifty per cent of our churches have a training program?

From the Training Union in Stony Point has gone Miss Libby Alexander to prepare for full time Christian service. I understand she is now at the Womans Training School at Louisville Seminary. Miss Mayrene Harrington, from Taylorsville First Church, a member of the Training Union, is planning to prepare herself for Christian service in the church. Miss Harrington is now one of our intermediate girls, and is very active in her Training Union and church work. There may be others who plan to enter Christian service as a life work, but we can never have anything like enough workers unless we, who call ourselves Christians, become interested in making provision for the training of our young people in Christian service.

The Training Union is not only an organization for young people, but there is a place for all our adults. We say, sometimes, there is a place in Training Union for all between the ages of three and three hundred. No provision has been made as yet, for those beyond the latter age.

In the Training Union every member has the opportunity to study the Bible doctrines, as Baptists know them; to study the working organization of the church; to secure knowledge of, and serve in the various offices of the Training Union. The social life of the church member is provided for in the Training Union. A social is called for every quarter, in the Standard of Excellence. I believe the Training Union is a vital part of any church. Even the small, rural church can organize and have a Training program, if only its leaders will set their minds and hearts to do so. My first contacts in Training Union work were in a small country church in Ruthford County with between 200 and 250 members in the church. In the Training Union, then known as the B. Y. P. U., we had a membership as high as 125 attending regularly. There's where I first learned to stand on my feet and talk—while taking part in that Training Union. There is also where my first interest in church life began.

What plans have you made in your church for the training of your membership in Christian service? What plans do you expect to make? I challenge every pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. leader and all other church officers to consider the training and welfare of the young Christian. The future of our association, our County, State, Nation and World lies in our youth of today. Which way shall we lead them? In Christian service and happiness, or the ways of evil, unhappiness and insecurity? The youth of today look to us to provide the way of righteousness, through God, or the way of evil. Which shall be? There is a word we used to hear back in the days of the B. Y. P. U. That word was "Spizzerinktum". We used to hear it quite often then. It meant "push" our program. Give it our enthusiasm. Add vim, vigor and vitality to the organization.

Let's put some "Spizzerinktum" in our Training Union work, and let me add here, into our whole church program.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. G. Toms

33. "Jesus Paid It All" was sung.

34. J. C. Pipes missionary of the Baptist State Convention, brings message on "The Baptist Task". This message was most inspiring.

35. Report of committee appointed last session to report on Ridgecrest lot is read and adopted.

Your committee would recommend that lot Number 86 at Ridgecrest, N. C. (Now owned by Taylorsville First Church—cost being $350.00) be purchased by Alexander Baptist Association and that a cottage be constructed as soon as advisable, same to be used by churches in the association during summer assemblies. We also recommend that the executive committee with the pastors work out plans whereby this can be carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Thompson
E. C. Shoe
Rom L. Teague

36. At this time the moderator appointed the following committees: Sunday School: James Lail; B. T. U., A. B. Bumgarner.

37. Institution of Churches: Homer L. Good, W. O. Johnson, A. E. Watts, Leach Gooden, and W. J. Rogers. Ordination of Ministers: E. C. Shoe, Harvey White, J. A. Icenhour, Mack Little, Fred Harrington.

38. The congregation was led in singing "God Be With You" Prayer by L. T. Younger.

The Association stands adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

A. C. Payne, Moderator
Homer L. Good, Clerk.

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IN MEMORIAM

"Neither can they die anymore, for they are equal unto the Angels; and are children of God, being the children of the resurrection".—Luke 20: 36.

Bethel—Mrs. J. C. St. Clair.

Beulah—Mr. J. R. Vickes

Damascus—Miss Nellie Roach

Dover—Mr. H. C. Pennell, Mrs. Cass Mooney.

Gays Chapel—Mrs. Flossie Mayberry.

Hiddenite—Mr. J. C. Thomas.

Lebanon—Mrs. J. L. Bumgarner.

Linneys Grove—Mrs. Mack Hubbard.

Little River—Mrs. Julia Bumgarner.

Mt. Herman—Mrs. Daniel Teague, Mr. J. W. McBride.

Mt. Olive—Mr. M. D. Lowe, Mrs. J. Partee Russell.

Pilgrim—Miss Lillan Carson, Mrs. Matilda Redman.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Mary Campbell.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. P. M. Godfrey .

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Dessie Brown, Mr. Lon Chapman.

Rocky Creek—Miss Minda Parlier.

Taylorsville, First—Mr. E. A. Shaver, Mrs. Charlie James Mrs. Clementine Childers Carson.

Taylor Springs—Mr. Melvin Dishman.

Three Forks—Miss Grace Harrington, Mrs. Lou McLeod, Mr. W. V. Watts, and Mrs. M. D. Watts.

White Plains—Mr. C. F. Friday.

STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	OC-V-T-C	YEAR ORGANIZED	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS of MEETING	BAPTISMS	GAINED BY LETTER	OTHER ADDITIONS	LOST BY LETTER	LOST BY DEATH	OTHER LOSSES	PRESENT RESIDENCE MEMBERS	NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	TOTAL PRESENT MEMBERS	PRAYER MEETINGS HELD WEEKLY	NO. REVIVAL MEETING	SPENT ON BUILDING, REMODELING LAST YEAR	VALUE PASTOR'S HOME	TOTAL VALUE ALL CHURCH PROPERTY
ANTIOCH	OC	1826	E. C. SHOE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	2 4	8	6	...	2	....	....	319	50	369	NO.	1	2268925	.....	33759.25
BETHANY	OC	1892	L. T. YOUNGER, NEW HOPE, N. C.	3	...	....	...	4	....	....	124	.....	178	NO.	1	.....	.....	1200.00
BETHEL	OC	1800	J. A. ICENHOUR, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	1 3	10	3	...	5	1	....	.....	.....	211	YES	1	.....	.....	15000.00
BETHLEHEM	OC	1888	A. E. WATTS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	...	13	2	...	8	....	1	327	.....	327	NO.	1	.....	.....	2000.00
BEULAH	V	1916	WADE ROGERS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	1 3	9	4	...	4	1	....	....	.....	75	NO.	1	72.22	.....	.....
CONCORD	OC	1852	....	1 3	10	....	...	2	....	3	253	.....	253	NO.	1	92.00	.....	3000.00
DAMASCUS	OC	1839	C. J. POOLE, WILKESBORO, N. C.	1 3	4	1	...	1	1	....	128	55	183	NO.	1	.....	.....	2500.00
DOVER	OC	1833	WADE ROGERS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	2 4	1	....	...	4	2	....	75	75	150	NO.	1	65.60	.....	1500.00
FAIRVIEW	OC	1922	G. D. WHITE, STATESVILLE, N. C.	3	6	....	...	7	....	....	179	.....	179	NO.	1	.....	.....	1500.00
GAY'S CHAPEL	OC	1885	D. C. THOMPSON, NEW HOPE, N. C.	1 3	16	2	...	2	1	....	....	.....	108	NO.	2	.....	.....	1312.04
HIDDENITE	V	1915	HOMER L. GOOD, STONY POINT, N. C.	1 3 4	2	3	...	...	1	....	120	39	159	YES	1	3600.00	.....	10400.00
ISLAND FORD	OC	1943	....	1 2	...	....	...	1	....	....	27	20	27	NO.	1	.....	.....	2000.00
LEBANON	OC	1884	S. I. WATTS, BOOMER, N. C.	1 3	...	....	...	...	....	....	72	.....	72	NO.	0	.....	.....	4250.00
LILEDOUN	V	1906	JAMES LAIL, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	ALL	5	2	...	2	....	....	266	.....	266	NO.	1	.....	.....	NONE
LINNEY'S GROVE	OC	1895	E. V. BUMGARNER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	2	10	2	...	...	1	....	125	28	153	NO.	1	.....	.....	2000.00
LITTLE RIVER	OC	1782	HARRY WHITE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	2 4	9	....	...	5	1	....	131	.....	131	NO.	1	.....	.....	3000.00
MACEDONIA	OC	1855	....	2	3	1	...	4	2	....	....	.....	176	NO.	1	.....	.....	3000.00
MILLERSVILLE	V	1923	....	1 3	1	2	...	...	....	....	89	.....	92	NO.	0	.....	.....	.....
MT. HEBRON	OC	1915	....	....	...	....	...	...	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
MT. HERMAN	OC	1912	JAMES LAIL, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	2 4	12	5	...	2	2	....	264	.....	264	NO.	1	.....	.....	1660.60
MT. NEBO	OC	1907	R. C. LOYD, STATESVILLE, N. C.	1 3	...	1	...	2	....	....	93	.....	93	NO.	1	.....	.....	3000.00
MT. OLIVE	OC	1865	O. L. BUMGARNER, LENOIR, N. C.	2 4	5	7	...	2	2	.....	123	33	156	NO.	1	91.00	.....	.....
OXFORD MEMORIAL	OC	1942	RICHARD STORY, LENOIR, N. C.	ALL	...	3	...	...	....	.....	....	.....	73	NO.	1	.....	.....	1500.00
PILGRIM	OC	1835	W. N. HAYES, NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.	1 3	1	1	...	...	2	.....	....	.....	227	YES	1	.....	.....	1800.00
PLEASANT HILL	OC	1852	A. B. BUMGARNER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	1 3	3	....	...	4	1	.....	....	.....	209	NO.	1	.....	.....	1500.00
PLEASANT GROVE	OC	1900	G. O. WHITE, STATESVILLE, N. C.	2	1	....	...	1	1	.....	....	.....	128	NO.	1	.....	.....	1500.00
POPLAR SPRINGS	OC	1872	W. O. JOHNSTON, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	1 3	7	3	...	3	2	.....	183	.....	183	YES	1	.....	.....	5000.00
ROCKY CREEK	OC	1940	C. J. POOLE, OAKWOODS, N. C.	4	...	....	...	...	1	.....	47	9	56	NO.	1	127.00	.....	677.00
ROCKY FACE	OC	1948	JEFFIE DANIELS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	2 4	5	3	...	...	....	.....	....	.....	46	NO.	1	1446.30	.....	2000.00
SMYRNA	OC	1923	E. C. SHOE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	1 3	8	....	...	2	....	.....	....	.....	106	NO.	1	.....	.....	3000.00
STONY POINT	T	1909	HOMER L. GOOD, STONY POINT, N. C.	ALL	2	5	...	11	....	.....	296	75	372	YES	1	.....	6000.00	20000.00
SULPHER SPRINGS	OC	1887	G. O. WHITE, STATESVILLE, N. C.	3	10	7	...	4	....	.....	186	43	229	NO.	0	.....	.....	.....
TAYLORSVILLE FIRST	C	1918	E. C. SHOE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	ALL	3	15	...	12	3	1	293	100	393	NO.	2	.....	10000.00	30000.00
TAYLORSVILLE EAST	C	1924	A. B. BUMGARNER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	ALL	15	28	...	2	....	.....	....	.....	271	YES	1	.....	.....	.....
TAYLOR SPRINGS	OC	1852	G. O. WHITE, STATESVILLE, N. C.	1	5	....	...	2	1	.....	203	70	273	NO.	1	91.00	.....	2800.00
THREE FORKS	OC	1857	E. V. BUMGARNER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	3 4	13	3	...	2	4	2	369	.....	389	NO.	1	.....	.....	10000.00
WHITE PLAINS	OC	1912	R. C. LLOYD, STATESVILLE, N. C.	1 3	2	0	...	6	1	1	95	....	95	NO.	1	.....	.....	2000.00
TOTALS			....	.....	199	109	...	102	31	8	4387	597	4984	....	35	7854.37	16000.00	164358.88

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL SUPT. James Lail, Taylorsville SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	CRADLE ROLL Under 3 Home Ministry	NURSERY Attending Sunday School (Under 3 Years)	BEGINNERS 4-5	PRIMARIES 6-8	JUNIORS 9-12	INTERMEDIATES 13-16	YOUNG PEOPLE 17-24	ADULTS 25 Years and Up	EXTENSION DEPARTMENT	GENERAL AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS NOT ENROLLED IN S.S.	NUMBER OF MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS	ENROLMENT OF MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL	TOTAL ENROLMENT-MAIN SCHOOL and MISION-all-OFFICERS, TEACHERS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	ENROLMENT V.B.C.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE V.B.C.
ANTIOCH	W. R. AUSTIN, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT 2	.....	10	20	25	30	36	40	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	98	75	65
BETHANY	WADE POOLE, GILREATH, N. C.	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	15	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	37	....	....
BETHEL	V. K. BENTLEY, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT. 3	.....	.....	14	15	.....	15	18	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	43	....	....
BETHLEHEM	RAY SHERILL, GRANITE FALLS, N. C. RT	.....	.....	.....	15	20	20	35	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	79	....	....
BEULAH	ERNEST JAMES, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	10	8	.....	20	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	45	....	....
CONCORD	LESTER FOX, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	45	....	....
DAMASCUS	R. A. WILSON, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	.....	5	11	10	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	30	....	....
DOVER	WARD PENNELL, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT 2	.....	3	1	2	3	7	5	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	20	....	....
FAIRVIEW	W. B. HENDERSON, HIDDENITE, N. C. RT. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	58	....	....
GAY'S CHAPEL	RAY KENNEDY, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT. 4	6	.....	15	.....	14	38	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	58	....	....
HIDDENITE	HARLAND LACKEY, HIDDENITE, N. C.	12	.....	15	10	15	18	11	48	7	2	.....	.....	138	104	84	64
ISLAND FORD	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
LEBANON	C. C. FORTNER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	12	.....	8	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	30	....	....
LILEDOUN	JAMES W. TEAGUE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	20	18	20	30	32	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	135	....	....
LINNEYS GROVE	S. S. GWALTNEY, HIDDENITE, N. C.	.....	.....	10	10	20	7	8	15	.....	4	.....	.....	70	40	....	....
LITTLE RIVER	MRS. CLEVE ROBINET, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	23	.....	21	.....	24	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	47	....	....
MACEDONIA	W. P. SMITH, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	66	....	....
MILLERSVILLE	MRS. FOY ICENHOUR, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT 1	.....	.....	10	15	23	25	.....	24	.....	5	1	97	102	35	....	....
MT. HEBRON	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	....
MT. HERMON	R. E. JOHNSON, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	26	10	9	30	30	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	120	....	....
MT. NEBO	MRS. FRED STRIKELEATHER, HIDDENITE, N. C.	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	11	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	20	....	....
MT. OLIVER	REV. O. E. DEAL, PORES KNOB, N. C.	.....	.....	12	8	10	.....	30	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	55	....	....
OXFORD MEMORIAL	MAYDEN REID, LENOIR, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	36	....	....
PILGRIM	MRS. ORA CONNOLLY, HIDDENITE, N. C.	7	.....	17	7	12	11	47	51	.....	2	.....	.....	154	97	....	....
PLEASANT HILL	TOMMY DANIELS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT. 3	.....	.....	.....	20	17	6	.....	33	.....	2	.....	.....	81	39	....	....
PLEASANT GROVE	PAUL LEVAN, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT. 2W	.....	.....	20	7	.....	10	.....	37	.....	8	.....	.....	74	54	....	....
POPLAR SPRINGS	EARL ROBINETTE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	17	14	13	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	53	....	....
ROCKY CREEK	HUBERT HAWN, PORES KNOB, N. C.	.....	.....	8	7	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	....	....
ROCKY FACE	O. M. WALKER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	38	....	....
SMYRNA	C. M. CLINE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT 1	3	.....	13	3	7	9	9	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	42	....	....
STONY POINT	W. C. GROSE, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT.	.....	18	18	18	31	26	23	112	.....	16	.....	.....	262	161	115	95
SULPHUR SPRINGS	PARKS KEEVER, HIDDENITE, N. C.	.....	.....	18	20	14	11	24	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	147	135	70	55
TAYLORSVILLE 1ST.	H. T. GRYDER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	21	.....	17	31	27	33	18	132	.....	4	.....	.....	279	147	83	71
TAYLORSVILLE EAST	MRS. BUTLER CHAPMAN, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. BOX 77	.....	8	10	24	40	38	27	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	208	95	82	64
TAYLOR SPRINGS	OEAN REDMOND, NEW HOPE, N. C.	.....	.....	14	.....	12	10	24	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	97	97	....	....
THREE FORKS	R. B. McLEOD, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	28	20	15	.....	30	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	129	97	....	....
WHITE PLAINS	R. L. ADAMS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT 3	.....	.....	6	5	10	12	15	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	30	....	....
	TOTALS	49	39	365	320	418	460	485	1099	7	43	1	97	3351	2030	509	414

TABLE III—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR AND POST OFFICE	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions and Study Hours	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Gen. & Dept. Officers Not in Unions or S. H.	Total Enrollment	Av. Att. Per Sunday
Liledoun	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville, N. C.	1	1	1	1		4	12	16	14	10			52	
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point, N. C.	1	1	1	1	1	5	7	8	16	14	14	8	72	38
Taylorsville, East	Howard Deal, Taylorsville, N. C.	1		1	1		3	12		10	14		2	38	26
Taylorsville, First		1		1	1		3	18		17	13		3	48	28
Totals		4	2	4	4	1	15	49	24	57	51	14	13	214	92

TABLE IV: WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	Number W. M. S.	Number Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org's.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A Members	G. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Enrollment	Total Enrolled In Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Local work given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Stony Point	Mrs. J. P. Watts, Stony Point, N. C.	2	1	2	1	6	35	15	36	35	121		55.00	339.73
Taylorsville, First	Miss Grace Harrington, Taylorsville, N. C.	1	1	2	1	5	83	8	24	12	127	85	756.35	946.11
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Marvin Bowman, Taylorsville, N. C. R 3	1									21		1.25	1.75
Hiddenite	Mrs. J. C. Linney, Hiddenite, N. C.	2	1			3	36	18			54		15.00	179.91
Totals		2	1	4	2	14	154	41	60	47	323	85	827.60	1,467.50

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville	PASTOR'S SALARY PAID LAST YEAR	INCIDENTALS-JANITOR, FUEL WATER, REPAIRS, INSUR., ETC.	ASSISTANT PASTOR, EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR, CHOIR LEADER, ETC.	REVIVAL EXPENSES AND PASTORAL SUPPLY	PAID ON CHURCH DEBT OUT OF CURRENT FUNDS	LITERATURE-QUARTERLIES CHURCH PAPER, SONG BOOKS, ETC.	HELP FOR LOCAL POOR	MINUTES AND CLERK OF ASSOCIATION	BUILDING FUND (AMOUNT GIVEN ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR)	LOCAL MISSIONS	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL GIVEN FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK
ANTIOCH	EARL CLINE, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT. 2	420.00	236.93	62.00	62.00	2259.25	89.94	.....	7.50	2400.00	.....	36.64	5574.26
BETHANY	C. J. HENDREN, PORES KNOB, N. C.	353.40	.....	.....	84.50	.....	10.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	447.90
BETHEL	E. F. MILLSAPS, HIDDENITE, N. C. RT. 1	237.13	.....	.....	60.00	.....	29.20	.....	4.05	4877.91	.....	154.72	5363.01
BETHLEHEM	ARTHUR BOWMAN, RICKORY, N. C. RT.	1404.20	20.00	.....	115.00	.....	71.21	.....	8.00	1387.55	363.78	.....	3369.80
BEULAH	BERTHA VICKES, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	147.76	126.74	.....	84.68	.....	25.47	33.00	4.00	103.54	35.87	.....	560.09
CONCORD	N. R. MARTIN, STONY POINT, N. C., RT. 1	492.41	107.00	.....	53.99	.....	32.88	.....	2.55	.....	.....	.....	688.83
DAMASCUS	....	586.39	18.00	.....	162.05	.....	28.41	.....	6.15	52.41	.....	.....	853.41
DOVER	MRS DOLPHINE MOONEY, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	337.60	65.60	.....	101.24	.....	33.20	56.93	5.00	.....	.....	.....	599.57
FAIRVIEW	W. B. HENDREN, HIDDENITE, N. C. RT. 1	384.58	10.00	.....	102.55	.....	49.61	24.39	6.75	.....	.....	57.50	635.50
GAY'S CHAPEL	A. G. STRATTE, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	437.13	12.00	.....	68.60	.....	87.26	.....	3.50	.....	.....	27.50	635.38
HIDDENITE	J. A. ADAMS, HIDDENITE, N. C.	1186.13	207.53	75.51	110.00	142.82	161.91	.....	7.00	5696.07	.....	15.00	7601.97
ISLAND FORD	J. H. BYERS, STATESVILLE, N.C. RT. 6 Box 204	175.42	28.80	.....	22.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	227.22
LEBANON	C. D. POOL, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT. 2	890.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	1149.00
LILEDOUN	FRED TEAGUE, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT. 1	1379.35	50.00	10.00	186.00	.....	376.71	50.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	2056.06
LINNEYS GROVE	LEE CHILDERS, HIDDENITE, N. C.	382.12	20.00	.....	76.35	.....	20.00	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	505.47
LITTLE RIVER	ROBE MULLS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	1240.00	.....	110.00	.....	.....	35.00	27.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	1426.00
MACEDONIA	W. P. SMITH, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	605.98	14.50	35.00	117.00	.....	30.00	90.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	897.48
MILLERSVILLE	MRS. JACK CARRIGAN, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	220.09	72.20	.....	82.50	.....	60.64	.....	6.00	.....	.....	10.00	451.43
MT. HEBRON	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MT. HERMON	W. D. JOHNSON, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT 2	800.00	78.25	10.00	102.00	.....	130.84	20.00	10.00	.....	.....	1660.60	2811.29
MT. NEBO	....	300.00	.....	.....	100656	.....	20.00	25.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	448.56
MT. OLIVE	B. J. DEAL, PORES KNOB, N. C. RT. 2	730.24	100.60	.....	139.87	.....	44.83	10.50	4.05	.....	.....	.....	1029.89
OXFORD MEMORIAL	....	104.34	9.72	123.04	107.38	.....	48.05	116.98	3.00	.....	.....	.....	512.51
PILGRIM	J.W. CONNOLLY, HIDDENITE, N. C.	293.42	.....	.....	62.00	.....	38.08	.....	3.25	2744.84	.....	72.56	3313.85
PLEASANT HILL	FRED HARRINGTON, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT. 3	579.05	38.50	.....	120.00	.....	50.00	42.00	4.00	.....	103.88	.....	937.43
PLEASANT GROVE	D. L. SHERRILL, STATESVILLE, N.C. RT. 7	460.19	9.60	.....	82.20	.....	42.00	15.00	5.80	425.07	.....	.....	1059.86
POPLAR SPRINGS	EDD CROUCH, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT. 2	810.44	92.00	115.61	141.00	.....	30.80	23.05	5.65	.....	.....	28.16	1246.71
ROCKY CREEK	HUBERT HAWN, PORES KNOB, N. C.	206.27	2.61	.....	103.75	.....	3.39	26.58	2.25	14.47	.....	46.00	405.32
ROCKY FACE	CROWSON WIKE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	50.00	.....	11.00	30.75	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	94.75
SMYRNA	J. W. PERKINS, CONOVER, N. C.	248.00	38.65	38.66	90.00	.....	79.00	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	474.29
STONY POINT	HOWARD NORTON, STONY POINT, N. C.	2409.20	476.85	.....	205.00	624.95	231.29	106.20	10.00	200.00	.....	197.00	4460.49
SULPHUR SPRINGS	J. C. SHARPE, HIDDENITE, N. C.	787.47	17.80	.....	127.00	.....	82.73	.....	7.55	.....	1011.33	280.00	2312.88
TAYLORSVILLE 1ST	R. L. MOOSE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	2561.09	1191.77	.....	160.58	.....	267.91	756.35	15.00	.....	.....	480.66	5433.36
TAYLORSVILLE EAST	R. W. MEREDITH, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. Box 351	2729.73	246.21	36.00	180.50	.....	240.25	51.40	7.00	6247.83	.....	41.41	9773.33
TAYLOR SPRINGS	CAROLYN WILLIAMS, NEW HOPE, N. C.	482.45	25.00	.....	114.00	.....	42.00	34.90	6.50	300.00	.....	112.00	1116.85
THREE FORKS	R. B. McLEOD, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT. 2	1235.46	75.17	50.00	170.50	.....	28.00	76.18	10.00	.....	.....	491.38	2136.69
WHITE PLAINS	MRS I.C. SLOOP, TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. RT. 3	436.00	.....	.....	47.50	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	508.50
	TOTALS	26052.22	3652.02	676.28	3572.67	3027.02	2787.45	1610.46	181.55	24450.69	1514.86	3710.54	71099.04

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, Etc.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	GIFTS TO CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM or UNIFIED BUDGET	DESIGNATED TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS	DESIGNATED TO STATE MISSIONS	DESIGNATED TO HOME MISSIONS	DESIGNATED TO FOREIGN MISSIONS	DESIGNATED TO SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, & SEMINARIES	ORPHANAGES (Cash and Conservative Estimated Clothing, etc.)	DESIGNATED TO HOSPITALS	DESIGNATED TO RED CROSS AND FOREIGN RELIEF	RELIEF AND ANNUITY OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FOR ALL MISSIONS	GRAND TOTAL OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES
ANTIOCH	V. W. TEAGUE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	100.00	.....	.....	25.40	.....	5.00	40.08	60.00	38.46	17.44	292.36	5866.64
BETHANY	C. J. HENDREN, PORES KNOB, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.60	.....	121.00	19.00	.....	.....	165.60	613.50
BETHEL	E. F. MILLSAPS, HIDDENITE, N. C. RT. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.66	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	73.86	5436.67
BETHLEHEM	R. LEE TEAGUE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.98	.....	127.12	36.68	12.60	159.50	383.88	3733.66
BEULAH	J. A. WEBSTER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CONCORD	N. R. MARTIN, STONY POINT, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	3.00	6.00	694.83
DAMASCUS	MAGGIE McLAIN, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	114.29	.....	196.00	56.67	.....	7.65	374.61	1228.02
DOVER	R. C. WHITE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.28	.....	.....	.....	8.28	607.86
FAIRVIEW	J. M. QUERY, HIDDENITE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.35	.....	69.92	16.75	25.50	56.06	184.58	619.96
GAY'S CHAPEL	G. L. DEAL, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT. 1	31.35	.....	.....	.....	39.25	.....	26.37	16.10	.....	95.77	208.84	844.34
HIDDENITE	R. G. GOODEN, HIDDENITE, N. C.	.....	.....	65.24	69.62	91.65	.....	366.65	43.00	.....	.....	676.76	8276.73
ISLAND FORD	J. H. BYERS, STATESVILLE, N. C. RT. 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LEBANON	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76.00	.....	50.00	37.00	.....	.....	163.00	1332.00
LULEDOUN	CLIFFORD SIMMONS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	167.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.00	25.00	.....	252.72	2308.78
LINNEY'S GROVE	S.D. GWALTNEY, HIDDENITE, N. C. RT. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.40	26.21	.....	.....	45.51	550.98
LITTLE RIVER	N. C. NEAL, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	27.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.00	1453.00
MACEDONIA	W. P. SMITH, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89.00	25.00	.....	.....	114.00	1011.48
MILLERSVILLE	J. B. THOMPSON, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	15.00	5.00	10.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	40.00	491.43
MT. HEGRON	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MT HERMAN	P. E. JOHNSON, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.00	.....	120.00	90.00	.....	25.00	325.00	3138.79
MT. NEBO	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.25	.....	.....	17.25	465.81
MT. OLIVE	S. C. DEAL, PORES KNOB, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.32	.....	155.81	20.00	29.51	7.50	243.14	1273.03
OXFORD MEMORIAL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.77	.....	57.20	10.45	.....	.....	86.42	598.93
PILGRIM	PAUL MAYBERRY, NEW HOPE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.16	.....	10.63	.....	.....	.....	21.99	3335.84
PLEASANT HILL	HOMER DANIELS, PORES KNOB, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	122.82	.....	122.82	122.81	.....	.....	368.45	1305.88
PLEASANT GROVE	L. S. JOHNSON, STONY POINT, N. C. RT. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	175.59	.....	42.55	31.24	.....	.....	249.38	1209.24
POPLAR SPRINGS	MRS. ROY ROGERS, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.66	.....	45.60	25.00	.....	.....	123.26	1369.99
ROCKY CREEK	HUGERT HAWN, PORES KNOB, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	1.00	2.35	.....	12.00	7.75	.....	.....	23.10	428.42
ROCKY FACE	MILLER WALKER, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00	109.75
SMYRNA	PAUL TEAGUE, HICKORY, N. C. 1217 - 11th AVE.	131.00	.....	5.00	4.00	4.00	.....	68.00	15.00	.....	.....	227.00	749.29
STONY POINT	W. M. WATTS, STONY POINT, N. C.	377.52	.....	339.73	110.46	.....	30.00	503.92	74.00	.....	.....	1435.63	5896.12
SULPHUR SPRINGS	S. F. COOK, HIDDENITE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	95.01	557.32	.....	252.20	23.00	.....	.....	927.53	3240.53
TAYLORSVILLE FIRST	A. C. PAYNE, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.	507.00	.....	66.30	983.95	.....	.....	301.21	50.12	.....	1.15	1909.73	7343.09
TAYLORSVILLE EAST	MRS RUBY AUSTIN, TAYLORSBILLE, N. C.	17.55	.....	17.50	55.00	350.41	10,00	313.03	49.25	16.31	24.25	753.30	10526.63
TAYLOR SPRINGS	KENNETH REDMOND, NEW HOPE, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	12.38	35.60	.....	33.00	43.70	.....	.....	124.68	1241.53
THREE FORKS	R. B. McLEOD, TAYLORSVILLE, N. C. RT. 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.87	.....	75.00	36.00	.....	.....	164.87	2301.56
WHITE PLAINS	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	TOTALS	1338.14	1409.03	528.77	1409.00	1982.07	45.00	3291.80	1016.88	146.87	397.32	10012.79	70894.63

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Pool	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Spring	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1908	Concord	W. E. Lonney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Pool	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mount Hermon	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918				
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	W. E. White
1927	Mt. Olive	I. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	I. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	J. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	Taylorsville, East.	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville 1st	Homer L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus, Three Forks	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
1947	Taylorsville, East. Taylor Springs	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good

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I Appointed to serve this session.
A Time, Place, Preacher
A. E. Watts, Mrs. Tom Matlock, W. P. Smith.
B Resolutions.
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A Constitution of Churches.
James Lail, Clay Groce, Leroy Sweet, E. C. Shoe, R. B. McLeod.
B Ordination of Ministers
A. B. Bumgarner, A. E. Watts, Fred Harrington, S. F. Cook, Mack Little.

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Historian, A. C. Payne ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Sunday School, James Lail ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
B. T. U., Miss Lucy Thompson ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Vacation Bible School,
W. M. U., Miss Annie Baker ....Stony Point, N. C.
Brotherhood, Fred Johnson ....Taylorsville, N. C.

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T. B. Austin, Kings Mountain; E. K. Woten, Yadkin; J. D. Fraley, Thomasville; R. P. Cooke, South River; G. W. Ballard, Raleigh; R. M. Hauss, Shelby; M. A. Hugins, Raleigh.

List of Messengers

ANTIOCH—G. C. Teague, V. W. Teague, Mrs. V. W. Teague, John Teague, Mrs. John Teague.

BETHANY—C. J. Hendren, J. D. Costner, Edd Hendren.

BETHEL—E. F. Millsaps, V. K. Bentley, Lawrence Marlow, B. C. Millsaps, C. C. Bentley.

BETHLEHEM—R. Lee Teague, T. B. Wagner, Tate Sherrill, Lester Ross, Mrs. R. Lee Teague, Mrs. T. B. Waner, Mrs. Tate Sherrill.

BEULAL—Escar Bowman, Henry McDuffie, Sam Davis, John Webster,.

CONCORD—N. R. Martin, Lester Fox, Erby Martin, Mrs. Hattie Sherrill, Mrs. W. T. Saylor.

DAMASCUS—T. B. Johnson R. A. Wilson, Miss Mattie Gray Wilson, W. J. Page, R. N. Sloan.

DOVER—R. C. White, Edd Mooney, W. W. White.

FAIRVIEW—F. K. Looper, Glady Meadows, K. D. Cook, Tom Russell.

GAYS CHAPEL—G. L. Deal, Paul Cashion, Carl Cloer.

HIDDENITE—Mrs. T. L. Matlock, Mrs. Howard Keever, Mrs. Hugh Hines, Mrs. Ethel Pedings.

LILEDOUN—C. A. Smith, Avery Fox, Ernest Jenkins, Arthur Jenkins Claude Chapman, Vance Stafford.

LINNEYS GROVE—L. P. Shoemaker, L. A. Childers, S. D. Gwaltney.

LEBANON—J. C. Fortner, C. D. Poole, Ronda Bumgarner.

LITTLE RIVER—Ralph Walker, Lindsay Brown, Mrs. Curlee Chapman, L. W. Davis, Mrs. L. W. Davis.

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MT. NEBO—J. R. Burgess, J. C. Burgess, Lee Hammer.

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PILGRIM—Paul Mayberry, Richard Bustle, Leslie Millsapss, Frank Bunton, Henry Hayes.

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SULPHUR SPRINGS—S. F. Cook, Parks Keever, Arthur Patterson, Maynard Lackey, John Teague.

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TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—R. W. Meredith, J. L. Rufty, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Mrs. Crowson Matlock, Mrs. J. M. Barnes.

TAYLOR SPRINGS—B. D. Mayberry, E. D. Welborn, R. C. Redmon, Jr., Cecil Rupard, R. H. Redmon, Glenn Mayberry.

THREE FORKS—R. B. McLeod, Jeff Rogers, Mrs. Nellie Robinette, R. W. Childerss, E. C. Johnson, J. M. Walker, G. A. Childers, J. R. Chapman.

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CONSTITUTION OF CHURCHES

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democraic principles as the local Church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and cooperative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already estalished:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual session at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, named a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (with the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give council and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has the indorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life ad work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943 name a committee of pastors and deacons to sit in council with a sister church in a matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

1. The local church isthe proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of the denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to cooperate in the Faith and work "Once and for all delivered unto the saints".

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successivie Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe

Proceedings

Sixty-First Annual Session
of the
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
First Day
Wednesday, October 6, 1948, 10:00 A. M.

Be it remembered that on the 6th and 7th days of October, A. D., 1948, the Alexander Missionary Baptist Association held its 61st Annual Session with Poplar Springs and Bethel Baptist Churches.

2. As the Moderator, E. V. Bumgarner, was absent because of illness, the meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, H. L. Good. Butler Chapman, directorof music, led the congregation in singing, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Hines, pianist. Wade Rogers led the devotional service, using John 1; 7-10 as the scripture lesson, with prayer.

3. The roll call was answered by 35 churches, and upon motion these messengers and others, to come constitute the Association.

4. Upon motion by James Lail, the following program, as prepared by the program committee was adopted, with amendment to allow more time for the consideration of constitution.

PROGRAM

The Sixty-First Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association, Wednesday, October 6, 1948, at Poplar Sprins Baptist Church following day with Bethel Baptist Church.

10:00—Song
10:05—Devotion ..... Wade Rogers
10:15—Roll call of churches, adoption of program, recognition of visitors and appointment of committees.
10:35—Report on Christian Education ..... A. C. Payne
11:00—Report of Associational Missionary ..... R. H. Weaver
11:25—Miscellaneous business
11:40—Annual Sermon ..... A. B. Bumgarner

Wednesday Afternoon, October 6th, 1948

1:15—Song
1:20—Devotional ..... J. A. Icenhour
1:30—Call for delinquent churches
1:35—Report on Missions ..... T. L. Blalock
2:05—Song
2:10—Sunday School Report ..... James R. Lail
2:30—W. M. U. Report ..... Miss Annie Baker
2:50—Election of officers
3:10—Consideration of rewritten constitution
3:20—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjourn

Thursday Morning October 7th, 1948

10:00—Song
10:05—Devotion ..... L. T. Younger
10:15—Call for delinquent churches
10:20—Report on Baptist Literature ..... Charlie Pool
10:40—Report on Stewardship ..... A. E. Watts
11:00—Song
11:05—Miscellaneous business
11:15—Report on hospital ..... Harvey White
11:30—Report on Orphanage ..... D. L. Bumgarner
11:45—Address ..... John Arch Abernathy
12:15—Noon recess

Thursday Afternoon, October 7th, 1948

1:15—Song
1:20—Devotion ..... W. O. Johnson
1:30—Report on Alcohol problem ..... Homer L. Good
2:00—Report on B. T. U. ..... Fred G. Lane
2:20—Song
2:25—Miscellaneous business. Report of committees.
2:35—Eschatology or the state and condition of the dead, E. C. Shoe.
3:05—Adjourn

5. Visitors were welcomed by Vice Moderator H. L. Good. The list of visitors appear elsewhere. Upon suggestion by E. C. Shoe, the appointment of committees was postponed until later.

6. The report on Christian Education was read and discussed by A. C. Payne and adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE BAPTIST COLLEGES NORTH CAROLINA 1948

Of the numerous efforts that have been made by the Baptists of North Carolina to provide a program of Christian education, we find, that at this time, there are six Baptist Colleges in North Carolina receiving financial assistance from funds for Christian Education made available from the Co-operatve Program.

Wake Forest College: The oldest of these colleges is Wake Forest, with a history of more than 114 years outstanding service in the life of our denomination as well as in the numerous professions in which her sons are active leaders. With an enrollment of more than 2,000 students, Wake Forest continues to be our largest Baptist collee. The deep interest of the Baptist of North Carolina in the success of the program at Wake Forest is shown not only in the contribution of more than $118,000 for support of the college last year, but in the present successful efforts to provide through the churches $1,500,000 toward the new Wake Forest to be located in Winston-Salem.

Chowan College. Beginning in 1848, Chowan College, located in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, has been an enviable record in its nearly 100 years of educational achievement for the Baptist of the State. It is hoped that this institution may have many more years of usefulness if we are to judge by efforts to revive it.

Mars Hill College. In 1856 Mars Hill College had its beginning as the first co-educational school to be operated by Baptist in this State. From 1856 to 1859 it operated as the French Broad Baptist Institute, and today it stands as our largest Junior College, with an

enrollment of more than 1,000. Through the co-operative program funds for Christian Education the Baptist of the state contributed approximately $65,000 to the training of these students in Mars Hill College last year.

Campbell College. Some thirty years later, at Buie's Creek, North Carolina, Dr. J. A. Campbell began what is snow called Campbell College with an enrollment at that of 16 pupils, but with a total enrollment at this time of approximately 600 students, and with contribution of $47,000 by the Baptist State Convention in 1947.

Wingate College. Our next college to be opened for the purpose of training young men and women was Wingate, in 1897. From its small beginning this junior college now has more than 350 students, with Baptist of the state conributing almost $27,000 for their support last year.

Meredith College. It was in 1899 that the Baptist of North Carolina opened Meredith College, which has remained to this day our largest senior college for women. With ts enrollment of more than 600 students, and contributions of approximately $86,000 from the Co-operative program in 1948, Meredith College continues to train young women for the many important services which they are providing throughout this state and even beyond its borders.

Gardner-Webb College. The last of the schools to be opened was Gardner-Webb, which, from a small beginning as a high school in 1907, grown to be one of our most thriving junior colleges, with an enrollment of approximately 400 students and a contribution by the Baptist of the State of approximately $42,000 last year.

With a total enrollment of more than 5,000 students during the past college year, and with contributions of approximately $384,000 for operating purposes, these Baptist Colleges have had their most successful year from many standpoints. Without an exception, all of them have expansion programs with new building and other added facilities for providng for the needs of the students. In these colleges Baptist have investments in endowment and plant funds totaling approximately $12,000,000, not counting the Z Smith Reynolds Foundation supporting the program of the new Wake Forest. The annual operating budgets, according to the most recent figures, total approximately $2,500,000.

The 5000 students enrolled in these Baptist Colleges, approximately 500 of them have dedicated themselves to full-time Christian service, either as ministers, or volunteer workers. This shows that one of out of every tenstudents is being trained for Christian leadership on a full-time basis, with one out of each ten being trained to become Christian leaders not only i nvaried capacities in the local but into the many professions into which these graduates go. Our colleges must continue to place first emphasis on the training of our ministers and those who are to devote their lives to positions of Christian leadership, but we must not overlook the importance of the training of great Christian lay leaders on which our churches depend so much for their progress. As never before our modern society needs the influence of these Christian men and women in every day activites of life. Mr. Robert Jackson, Assocate Justice

of the U. S. Supreme Court, is credited with the following statement: "It is one of the paradoxes of our time that modern society needs to fear . . . only the educated man. The primitive of the earth constitute no menace. The most serious crimes against civilization can be committed only by educated and technically competent peoples". Granting the truthfulness of this statement, and realizing that we are living inan age of education, we must recognize that Christian education constitutes our first wall of defense against the evils of our world.

Christian enducation has no source of support other than that to be found in Christian people, and we shall have a Christian civilization to the extent that Christian people, are willing to provide it. These colleges offer us the opportunity for investing our lives and our money in the building of a Christian world. How much do we love them and how much do we believe in them? They need us and we cannot get along without them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Payne

7. The report of Associational Missions was read and discussed by Associational Missionary R. H. Weaver and adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Having been called to become your Associational Missionary through your committee, the work was begun March 1st, 1948. Upon coming to the associaton we found many of the churches ready to welcome and respond very cordially, the like of which we will be glad to find in every church. It is not the purpose of the associational missionary to try to "Lord It" over any individual or church but by way of sugestions, mutual helpfulness and cooperation in the spirit of Christ let us endeavor to build up and promote the kingdom of Christ in the Alexander Association to the very highest point of efficeincy.

By way of organzations, to increase a spirit of greater unity and good fellowship, we see the need of a regular monthly pastor's conference, more Training Unions in the churches, a Brotherhood organization, more Woman's' Missionary Unions, more Vacation Bible Schools in the summer and the strengthenng of all activities of our church life by prayer and special efforts.

Would it not be well that we give heed and strive to become the answer to the prayer of the Apostle Paul; "I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephe. 3:14-19).

Activities of your missionary; taught 1 S. S. study course, 3 B. T. U. study courses, 3 classes in V. B. S. guide, worked in nine white, one colored V. B. S's. there were 13 V. B. S's in the association with 981 enrolled, 785 average attendance, $151.75 mission offerings, 49 conversions. (No report from Sulphur Spring, no report of misison offering from Hiddenite) Colored enrolled 106, average attendance 81, offering $7.00.

Sermons 32, one associational W. M. U. talk, 2 W. M. S. circle talks. Twelve talks in churches, taught six Sunday School classes, taught four music classes, sang in two revival meetings, talked in Associational Sunday School meeting, attended six minister's conferences, attended six committee meetings, attended six revival services, and many individual conferencs. Traveled 3214 miles, printed and mailed 1200 bulletins, letters and cards mailed 250.

The work of Miss Emilyn Wagner was greatly appreciated in the V. B. S. period, and was of untold value. Expenses $185.30.

Recommendations:

1. Every church supporting associational misions.
2. Every church with a Vocational Bible School next summer.
3. Every church with a Training Union.
4. Every church with a W. M. U. organization.
5. Every church represented at all associational meetings.
6. Every church having at least one revival during the year.
7. That the association elect a director for the Baptist Brotherhood organization to promote the work in our churches.
8. That a promotion and budget committee be appointed to work with missionary for an associational program of work.
9. That an associational calendar of activities be provided and adopted by all associational officers.
11. That we have an associational pastor's and deacon's school.
10. That we have an associational monthly pastor's conference.
12. That as soon as practical we promote and support a simultaneous enlargement campaign in Sunday School and Training Union work.
13. That an associational Religious Literature Representative be elected and a simlar representative in each church be elected to encourage a wider reading of our Baptist papers, namely: "The Biblical Recorder, "Charity and Children", "The Commision" and "The Home Mission".
14. That we encourage the use of our Baptist Literature in all our church work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Weaver
Associational Missionary.

8. The Moderator appointed the committees which appear in the proper place.

9. W. O. Johnson, pastor of the church, welcomed each pastor, messener and visitor to the services and a picnic dinner.

10. Rev. T. L. Blalock announced that he had various tracts for distribution free.

11. "Amaing Grace" was sung.

12. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. B. Bumgarner on "The Daring Christ" from John 8:51-59.

THE DARING CHRIST

When Caesar Augustus was ruler of the Roman Empire it embarked upon one of the world's longest periods of peace. A period lasting some 200 years. He brought toa close a century of revolution, unified the Empire by securing the political and economic rehabilitation of Rome, Italy, and the provinces, undertook a broad program of reforms and artistic and literary advance. In recognition of his achievements history calls this period (31BC-14AD) the "Age of Augustus".

Great as his work was, it is still overshadowed in the minds of some at least, by an event which occurred in Syria which had been a Roman protectorate since 64 B. C. The world was to feed the impact of this even as of no other which she had experienced. Here in this little protectorate of Syria was born one called "Jesus of Nazareth", one whose teachings would contribute much to mighty Rome's disentegration. Many words have been used in trying to characterized Him. Most of them good, I'm sure. But among His other characteristics He possessed, I think, a daringness that would be profitable for study. And so I would try to speak to you on the subject, "The Daring Christ".

I. He Dared To Challenge Mother Nature and Make Her Fall At His Feet.

A. He defied her in His birth

B. He defied her in His activity

C. He defed her in His death

II. He dared to defy ancestral tradition and established custom

A. He was a prince of revolutionists and as such:

1. He attached their religion by declaring Himself to be equal with God.

2. He defied their practice of religion. (Isolation)

3. He condemned the practices of the letter and the neglect

4. He exhaulted them to turn from ancestral tradtion to the worship of God.

III. He Dared to Defy The World By Placing His Church In It.

A. Mortal and Spiritual imprint.

B. All institutions of Intellect

1. Hospitals, schools, orphanages, asylums, etc., had their origin with the church.

C. The challenge for todays church is to assume the "daring spirit" God will furnish the power if we will furnish the instrument the vigor, the eagerness, the vitality of manhood and womanhood.

12. The benediction was given by Rev. R. H. Weaver and the Association adjourned until 1:15.

13. The blessing on the meal was offered by Rev. F. B. Austin of Kings Mountain, a delicious dinner was served by the Poplar Springs Church.

14. The afternoon session was opened by singing "Leaning on The Everlasting Arm".

Rev. J. A. Icenhour led the devotion using John 15. Rev. L. T. Younger led the congregation in prayer.

15. The report of missions was read and discussed by Rev. T. L. Blalock.

REPORT ON MISSIONS OCTOBER 6TH, 1948

Mainly Quotations From Baptist Authors

In making this report it seems fitting at this time that we think and study Baptist Faith and find according to God's word who is responsible for carrying the Gospel of life to all nations. This question once settled in preaching and sending the Gospel.

On that Galean mountian where the Lord had made an appointment for His disciples to meet Him was where over 500 saw Him at one time. (1 Cor. 15: 6). Dr. I. J. Vun Ness.

"And Jesus came, and spake unto them saying, all power is given unto Me in Heaven and in Earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you' and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

This the great order from the headquarters of the Captain of our salvation. To fulfill this order is the duty of each individual christian and each church of Jesus Christ. There has been much argument as to whether this commission was given to the disciples as individuals or to the churches. The truth is, that both as individuals and as a church is right. There is an obligation upon us to obey this command of Jesus." Another quotation from the same convention writer is "Our court of final appeal is to the local church, not to any co..uncil or association." I further quote from the same author, "The Scriptures clearly show that both the Direct and the cooperative methods were used in the New Testament times." It should be stated here that the Direct method does not and never has excluded the cooperative method, but calls for a deeper and closer fellowship and co-operation under Christ the Head of the Church.

In this mission report what I want to get fixed in our minds is that the common faith and teaching of Baptist, is that the Commission was given to the churches. Second that the churches are the one and only sovereign and divine independent institution on earth. Therefore, in order to have peace and harmony, all we need is to practice what we believe among ourselves.

With reference to these general organizations, the writer quoted above says; "Indeed, it has always been the more effective the closer it has been to the New Testament type. We believe we have fully vindicated the simple procedure of Apostolic days, as being adapted to the changing order of each new generation.". If this statement be true then our brethern should hale with joy Independent Baptist work which is striving to carry forward missions along Apostolic New Testament lines.

Just a few quotations from Dr. William W. Barnes, a Southern Baptist historian and professor in one of our largest Seminaries speaking of the convention relation to other Baptist groups; "Baptist bodies should never in any way injure the work of any other Baptist group." This quotation is the gist of what the Southern Baptist Convention put out in their minutes of 1912 in relation to other Baptist groups. From this statement it is not the will or the purpose of the Convention to interfere with any Independent Baptist church group.

A further quotation, "The nature of general denominational organization among Baptist is determined by the nature of a Baptist church. A church is a self-governing independent, supreme esclasiastical body. There is no higher human authority in church affairs.

Now the very essence of sovereignty is the retention of authority. When authority goes sovereignty is gone. The very right of a sovereign body to exist demands that the sovereignty abide. So Baptist churches may not relinquish their sovereignty to any one group or organization. They may not send representatives (in the political use of the word) or delgates to any organization. The churches send messengers, but these messengers do not represent the church nor is any authority dlegated to them. Any action the group of messengers may take has no binding force whatever upon any Baptist church, large or small. Whether the church has fifty or five thousand members it has all the authority conferred upon churches by the New Testament. There is no difference in degree or kind."

I have made this report to emphasize the fact that as to the carrying out of the great Commission all Baptist believe and teach the same, namely, that the Commission was given to, and rest with the churches. Therefore, our hearts should be big enough and our love broad enough in spite of our differences, to encourage each other in hastening with the Gospel to a lost world.

Prayerfully submitted,
T. L. Blalock

16. Delinquent churches were called.

17. The Sunday School report was read and discussed by Rev. James Lail.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School, we are all agreed, is one of the churches most important functions. To emphasize preaching at the expense of neglecting teaching will result in a lop-sided program in any church. The words of the Master Himself, in Matt. 28: 19-20 "go ye therefore and teach all nations" and "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I command you", lay upon our hearts the importance of the teaching ministry.

From our records we may learn where we are, what we are doing, and what we can do. Let's examine them for just a minute.

I: Where We Are:

The records show we have in our Baptist churches some five thousand persons enrolled in our church membership. This means that there are five thousand professors of Christ in our association who desperately need at least the one hour instruction in divine truth offered by our Sunday Schools out of every week. Do we realize how great a light, how mighty an army, how powerful an influence for good (at home and abroad) five thousand redeemed souls grounded in the faith "once for all delivered to the saints" could be? Instead of these five thousand flaming evangels thoroughly instructed in the word of God we must depend entirely on a

few pastors and a meer handful of laymen to do all the evangelistic work done in our association. Are we satisfied with where we are? Is God satisfied with where we are?

II: What We Are Doing:

Of the five thousand members in our churches only three thousand are enrolled, and only two thousand attend our Sunday Schools. This means that 40 per cent or less of our membership is receiving Bible instructions. Some 60 per cent or more of Alexander Baptist church members receive no instruction in Divine truth whatsoever. The number of non church members which are our possibilities and responsibbiities, receivng no spirtual knowledge is unknown.

These facts are enough to shame, shock and challenge every church to pray, serve and go until every member is in Sunday School

In the past year, along with offered service to ever superintendent, two assoociational Sunday School meetings were promoted. The first one was held with White Plains Church in January. At this meeting 75 persons representing sixteen churches were present. Rev. W. O. Johnson discussed "Building The Sunday School," Rev. E. C. Shoe discussed "Our Magnificent Task". A Problem Period was profitable to all.

The annual Sunday School meeting convened with Pleasant Hill in April. This meeting was attended by 10 churches. The Theme of the meeting was:

I: "Key In The Sunday School."

Subjects	Speaker
The Pastor	A. A. Walker
The Superintendent	H. L. Good
The Teacher	E. C. Shoe
Annual Sermon	James Potter
V. B. S.	R. M. Weaver
Message	A. B. Bumgarner

II: Serving on nomination committees; Brothers Sweet, Cline and Grose.

III: Nominating Committee's Report; for officers for coming year—Superintendent: J. R. Lail; Associate Superintendent, Harvey White; Clerk: P. E. Johnson.

IV. Officers elected by body-subject to approval by association.

III—What Could and Should be Done:

In view of the preceding facts we would recommend:

1. That every pastor take an active part in the Sunday School and emphasize its importance at every opportunity.
2. That every church attend all associational meetings.
2. That every church sponsor an enlargement campaign.
4. That every church conduct at least one Sunday School study course.
5. That an associational Sunday School meeting be held each quarter in the coming year preferable on Fifth Sunday afternoons.

Respectfuly submitted,
James Robert Lail

18. W. M. U. report was read and discussed by Miss Annie Baker. Miss Baker assured the men that the ladies did not want to lead in the Kingdom work, but only wanted to help for the Master's sake.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

I:—The Woman's Missionary Union Is Scriptural.

When Jesus and His twelve disciples made a preaching tour, certain women ministered unto them of their substance. (Luke 8: 1-3) Jesus sent women to announce his resurrection. Matthew 28: 1-8). Women prepared the way for the propagation of the gospel in Europe. (Acts 16: 7-15). When the scriptures are searched a basis for all the phases of the Union's activities is found.

II:—The Woman's Missionary Union Is Successful.

The way the movement has prospered and grown proves it to be of God. (Acts 5: 38-39). When the minutes of the Alexander Association are studied one sees that the churches having Unions are increasing their gifts to missions.

III:—The Woman's Missionary Union Should Be Supported.

Many of the churches in the Alexander Association hae no missioinary organizations. It is hoped thtthe pastors and messengers present will do all in their power to establish and foster societies in their churches. When the Association convenes in 1949, may there be a W. M. U. reported in every church.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Baker

The Alexander Associational W. M. U. met with the First Baptist Church, at Taylorsville April 15, 1948.

The worship period was conducted by Mrs. Durant Adams, and Miss Lucy Echerd, with a solo by Miss Mayrene Harrington

During the business sessions, officers were elected for the coming year, with Miss Annie Baker as Associatonal Superintendent, Mrs. J. P. Watts, associate superintendent, Mrs. J. B. Matlock, secretary and treasurer. A motion was made and carried that each W. M. U. Circle should pay into the County treasure $1.00 per circle for current expenses.

Favorable reports were given by the different committee chairmen.

Miss Hildo Mayo, State Young People"s Leader gave an interesting and helpful talk. This was followed by Miss Estelle Councilman showing and explaining slides, which she had made on her Mission Field in Paraguary.

The meeting adjourned to meet with East Taylorsville next year.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Bryan Matlock, Secretary and Treasurer.

19. The present officers were re-elected for the ensuring year, with Fred Johnson added as president of the brotherhood.

20. The rewritten constitution was iintroduced, A. C. Payne made a motion that the consideration be postponed until he same hour on he first day of the Association in 1949. The motion was amended by Rev. J. R. Lail that four members two from each side who had nothing to do with either constitution, and they work out some middle ground upon which the Association could work. The amendment was defeated. The motion was likewise defeated.

Rev. A. E. Watts made a motion that the re-written constitution. be adopted.

A. C. Payne offered the constitution from the minutes of the Associatioon at Linneys Grove Church in 1939.

The amendment was carried.

21. Prayer was offered.

The Association adjourned until 10:00 a. m., the next day to Bethel Church.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1948

22. The Modertaor called the meetin gto order at 10:00 a. m. The congregation was led in singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm." by Maurice Barnes accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Hines.

23. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Watts. Rev. H. L. Good read from the third chapter of I Corinthians for a scripture lesson.

24. The report on Stewardship was given by Rev. A. E. Watts.

STEWARDSHIP

When we think of stewardship, we usually think of the giving of money. However, I am sure that more than the giving of money is involved.

First: There must be a surrendered life. In II Cor. 8: 5, we are told that they "First gave their own selves to the Lord." No man can gain God's favor in the giving of his money without first giving himself. God's plan for financing His kingdom is not merely a money rasing scheme, but it is a character developing program. It's not the money but the man; not the gift, but the giver, that God wants.

Second: In the stewardship of our money we have a scriptural plan. All through the Bible the duty of giving is urged. It is brought to our attention about 1800 times. Giving is a Christian grace and it should be cultivated and developed as dligently as the other Christian graces. In I Cor. 16: 2, we are told: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Again in II Cor. 9: 7, we are told: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

This plan suggests:

1. Who should give. "Let every one of you lay by him in store".
2. When we are to give. "Upon the first day of the week".
3. How much we are to give. 'As God hath prospered him."
4. The spirit in which we are to give. "For God loveth a cheerful giver."

I am happy to note a remarkable growth in giving in our association. In 1942 we gave to our pastors $10,180.66 and in 1947, five years later, we gave them $26,052.22. More than two and one-half times as much. To Missions and related causes in 1942 we gave $4,529.53 and five years later we gave $10,012.79. More than twice as much. In 1942 we gave a total of $22,772.87 and in 1947 the total amount given was $70,694.63. More than three times as much. These figures were taken from our minutes. We are making progress in the field of giving. Thank God for it.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts

25. Report on Baptist Literature. In the absence of Charlie Poole, Rev. E. C. Shoe and Rev. T. L. Blalock discussed the subject Bro. Shoe challenged the churches to give our youth uplifting literature instead of the poisonous filth found on the news-stands of today.

26. Upon suggestion by R. H. Weaver and motion by E. C. Shoe, A. P. Payne was elected to promote the circulation of Baptist Literature in the Association.

27. Rev. A. E. Watts asked to be heard on the matter of time, place, and preacher, on motion by A. C. Payne, Mr. Watts gave the committee's report, as to time, place, and preacher for the Association in 1949. The report, as found elsewhere, was adopted.

28. On motion by Rev. A. E. Watts, ameneded by Rev. E. C. Shoe, the B. T. U. report was moved to the morning session to make room for Secretary M. A. Huggins in the afernoon session.

29. On motion by C. E. Echerd the report on the hospital was postponed and the report on the orphanage was read by the clerk, in the absence of D. L. Bumgarner.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

On a sun-dial in South America are these words: "I record nothing but sunshine." The other day after General Superintendent, Zeno Wall, of the Baptist Orphanage, listened for hours as the case workers presented thirty-twocases to fill the vacancies in the Mills Home and the Kennedy Home, made possible by the closing of schools, he wrote on one page of his diary these words: "If the sun-dial records nothing but sunshine, we, as the child enters, record nothing but shadows, shadows of sin, of poverty, of disease, of death and of sorrow. Oh, the tragedy of the broken home and the homeless ones!" If one could sit in on one of these conferences he would go away to agonize for and sympathize with the cause of unfortunate children.

Last year 603 children were cared for in both of our homes, 83 children in foster homes and 80 children were given Mothers Aid, making a total of 771 children helped directly. The case workers helped with the plans for 749 other children, thus serving 1520 children in one year.

If one could spend sometime at either Mills Home or Kennedy Home he would discover that the workers take seriously their work and are giving their best to it.

Improving Our Buildings

Most of the buildings in both homes are old and need constant repairs. They are now being renovated and having furnace heat installed.

Erecting New Buildings

At Kennedy Home a new cottage to take care of 25 children is to be built this year; also a silo and granary. At both homes frozen food plants are under construction and will be completed within a short time. Space is provided in these buildings for storing canned goods contributed by generous friends.

Foster Homes

While the foster home program is still in its initial stage, it is renderng a timely and worth while service to the 83 children being cared for in these homes which would require more than three new cottages.

The Spirit of The Institution

At 8:40 each morning Dr. Wall calls the staff into an "Upper Room" where the word of God is read and prayers are uttered for all the workers, all the children and all of the Sunday Schools and Churches.

There is a spirit of cooperation and unselfishness which is most beautiful. Recenty the Mills Home pastor, John Walton, led 42 the children down to the pool and buried all with Christ in baptism,

Supporting The Work

The following message comes to us from General Superintendent Wall: We need your prayers; and on one Sunday in each month we know that you will continue to take an offering for us. Our own Sunday Schools observe the first Sunday in each month as Orphanage Day. You will rejoice to know that all our children remain for church behave beautifully and make their own offerings regularly and cheerfully.

Let's all begin now to plan for a great Thanksgiving offering to back up the regular monthly gifts. As you do your best for us, you may be assured that we continue to do our best for you and the hundreds of homeless children being housed, fed, clothed, educated and led into the deeper things of the spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
D. L. Bumgarner.

Bro. J. D. Fraby, Treasurer of the orphanage discussed the work of the orphanage, giving a very commendable report on the noble work the institution is doing in making outstanding citizens from the scum of humanity that is thrust upon it.

330. Report on the Hospital in the absence of Rev. Harvey White the report was read by C. E. Echerd.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem ministers to the sick from all parts of our state. It is our Good Samartian in the name of the Great Physician, to those who suffer and do not have sufficient money to pay the large cost of the best medical care.

From among those of limited means 26,000 visits were made to the Out-Patient Department for examination, diagnosis and treatment last year. There will be 35,000 visits this year. This is one of the most important services of our Hospital and it is beng enlarged as rapidly as possible.

Of this large number coming tothe Out-Patient Department, there is room for only about one-fourth of them to be treated in the hospital as bed patients. Money is now being raised from interested friends and businesses to build a new enlarged hospital. This will be located on a beautiful 100 acre tract in Winston-Salem which has been given for this purpose. It is hoped that the money needed

for the enlargement will come speedily so that space may be provided for many sick people for whom there is not room now.

As the services of our Hospital have grown, the Mother's Day offerings form our churches likewise have grown. Those offerings are all used to help pay the cost of caring for those who receive this ministry and do not have the money to pay the total cost themselves. In order to provide such help for as many as possible, our Hospital adds to the Mother's Day offerings all the funds it can get for this purpose from the welfare agencies of the state and counties, the Duke Endowment, contributions from individuals, and any other available source. The calls for help are far beyond the means of our Hospital to supply, however. We hope the Mother's Day offerings will continue to grow in our churches in order that our Hospital may provide more service for more people.

Our Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College provide training for our young women and men who are called into the fields of nursing and medicine. With all the facilties available in a great hospital and medical school such as we have, there is offered a quality of training which is not generally available. A number of those now in training there are prepairing for medical mission work. We urge fine young men and women from our Baptist churches who are interested in these important fields of service to consider going there for their training.

Our Baptist Hospital mantains a Department of Relgion. This provides a chaplain service for the patients, especially for those with particular spiritual needs. It provides a religious program among students, seeking to help establish Christian faith and promote spiritual growth. It offers courses in pastoral counseling for pastors and ministerial students designed to prepare the pastor better to minister to his people in their personal needs and problems in relation to the hospital.

North Carolina Baptists have developed an outstanding medical center. It is for its ministry to those with little money that we appeal to the churches of our association to give generously on Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey White

31. Training Union Report—In the absence of Fred G. Lane, Miss Lucy Thompson read and discussed the report on the Baptist Training Union.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

I think we will all readily admit that, today, training is necessary in every endeavor. Doctors spend seven years or more preparing themselves to help suffering humanity; lawyers work for five or more years learning how to plead the cases of their clients in court; teachers prepare themselves in order that they may be instrumental in directing the physical, mental and moral phases of the lives of children under their care; preachers study from four to seven years so they may impart to christian and sinner alike and interpretation of God's word and lead people into living more Christ-like lives. Training for vocational, industrial, and professional jobs is becoming more and more necessary as time passes on.

If this, then, be true of everyday work to enable man to earn a livelihood and keep physically fit then, how much more important it is to study God's word and train ourselves in His service.

We know that the training process must start in the early years of our lives. Solomon said in Proverbs 22: 6, 'Train up a child in the way he shall go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Children start to public school when they are six years old; they start to Sunday School at a much earlier age. Here the child is taught the simple story of Jesus and His love. Here, too, the adult learns that unless he becomes as a little, trusting child, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. Any grade school teacher can pick out from her class those children who come from Christian homes and who have had Christian training in the home. So you see that it becomes necessary to start the training process in the tender years. What a pity indeed that so few of our churches, only four in last year's report, have training unions. In our Vacation Bible School our children learn the following pledge to the Bible: "I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God." What a wonderful thought and what an inspiration and blessing it would be to us all, old and young alike, if wecould repeat this scripture passage daily. The thought for the pledge is taken from Psalm 119:105.

We Baptists are very fortunate in the type of literature and quarterlies we have. What a wealth of information they contain and how helpful to the young Christian with all of life before him. Hardly a week passes that I don't find an excellent article or two in the Training Union Magaine. These articles are written by our finest preachers and consecrated Baptist leaders. Every Baptist home should have a copy of this magazine and every Christian, old enough to read and understnd them, should read every article.

Each of us has in his hands keys, golden keys of opportunity to serve God and make our lives instrumental in winning the lost to Christ keys that every consecrated Christian should learn to use effectively. Roland Q. Leavell in writing in the Training Union magazine has this to say, "Christ's one dominant dedication was to establish the Kingdom of Heaven. For the Kingdom he preached, prayed, lived died and rose again. What, then, is the Kingdom of Heaven? The Kingdom of Heaven is the rule of Jesus, the King of the Kingdom of Heaven, in the hearts and lives of men." What, then, are these keys which we emphasize in Training Union work? Prayer, teaching, personal work and witnessing, preaching, writing and many others of a like nature. Training of this sort enables us to know the will of God and make us available for His service. Christ spent the three years of His active ministry, not alone in preaching, healing and teaching but also in training those who were to carry on His work.

We know that training helps one overcome superstitions and lack of information. There perhaps has never been a time in the history of the world when there was so much greed as is manifested by the world today. The peoples of the world are ready to spring at each others throats. That is as true of our own people here in America as it is between us and those of other lands. A great deal of this unrest and enmity is due to a lack of love and understanding of our fellow man. We have been motivated to have our own desires and have not allowed Christ to have complete control of our livs. Much of the misunderstadings that take place in our churches would be eliminated if we allowed Christ to take proper place in our lives and followed His command to love God with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves. We should be thoroughly ashamed to let our selfish desires stand in the way of promoting God's work.

Finally, how can we win them without a knowledge of God's word? How can we witness effectively if we lack sufficient knowledge of God's word as so many say they do? In Matt. 28: 19-20 Christ said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Today, throughout the world, there is so much indifference to God's work and Christ's command; however, to al lwho have been faithful there is the promise ofa crown of life.

I believe what I have written in this report is what God would have me say. May we all work for the Saviour who gave His all for us.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred G. Lane

The Association was dismissed by R. S. Weaver.

Rev. J. A. Icenhour, pastor of the Bethel Church invited everyone to partake of the dinner, which was served by the local church. Rev. R. P. Cook of South River asked the blessing on the meal.

32. The afternoon session was opened by singing "We Are Marching to Zion."

Devotion was led by Rev. W. O. Johnson who used the second verse of Psalms 101 and offered prayer.

33. The Clerk was called to the chair and Rev. H. L. Good brought the reoprt on the alcohol. Mr. Good presented R. M. Hauss, Christian Education Director of the Allied Church League, who pictured this problem in its true picture. Mr. Hauss challenged the Baptist of the Alexander Association to drive this evil from our midst.

REPORT ON ALCOHOL

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise". Prov. 20: 1. Of a truth strong drink is public enemy number One. Senator John Watkins says: "Don't trust it; it is powerful and agressive, and universal in its attack. Today it strikes a crust from the life of starving child, and tomorrow levies tribute from the government itself. There is no cottage humble enough to escape it, no place strong enough to shut it out.

The despoiler of men, the terror of women, the cloud that shadows the face of children. It can uplift no industry, revive no wrong. You know that it cannot. It comes to destroy and it shall profit mainly by the ruin of your son or mine.

The people of North Carolina are paying a terrible price for their folly in dealing in liquor—the state itself is paying terrible price that will finally bring moral bankruptcy to its manhood and its citizenship unless strong drink dethrones in the state and driven out.

What is the remedy-how can it be driven out? That is very simple. It can be done whenever soldiers of the cross pray, preach, sing, teach, and work together, with a determination to see it through.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Good

34. W. W. Harrington, Treasurer, gave the financial report of the Association which appears in the statistical tables.

35. Rev. E. C. Shoe offered the following resolution:

October 7, 1948

Resolved:

That we, the Alexander Baptist Association, most heartily thank the churches, Poplar Springs and Bethel, and the pastors and people for the invitation to meet with them in their nice new churches, and for the fine way in whch they have cared for us during the sessions of our Association—you have done what you could, and for this we express to you our love and appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

We wish also to express our deep appreciation for the great and challenging message—hot from the hearts of the speakers. Especially do we thank Bro. A. B. Bumgarner for that timely and schollarly, and most challenging message, which humbled our hearts, shamed our lives and lifted our hopes in the conquest of a better world.

We commend our vice moderator for his fine spirit in conducting the affairs of the association so suddenly thrust upon by the absence of the moderator—thank you Bro. Good.

And now we resolve to undertake and do larger and better things in His dear name.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe
S. F. Cook
Ed Crouch

36. Eschology, or state and condition of the dead. The report was brought by Rev. E. C. Shoe. A list of our deceased was read by the clerk. Prayer of thanks for their lies and blessings on our efforts was offered by Rev. A. B. Bumgarner.

THE DEAD

"Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead." Who among us has not heard these plain, and very painful words? He is dead! She is dead! It is dead—yes, gone from us! Then the clock stops ticking, tears and voices blend together, the little group leaves the room, what a cloud hangs over them, there is only one word, and its echo back—DEAD! Everything seems so different, so very different now. Friends are slowly coming in, they too have but one word, and that is muffled whisper—"dead!"

Is there not some other word, some heart soothing word? Yes, but who dares to say it? "I am glad for your sakes . . . I am He

that was dead, but am alive again forevermore . . . and he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." In Adam all die, death hath passed upon all because all have sinned, but all who live and die in Christ shall live—shall live forever with Him. This is that mystery that angels cannot explain, fools cannot understand, and sinners cannot know.

But what is death for the saints? Jesus called it sleep. This sleep was not the end of life but the gateway into a greater life, richer, finer, better life. Paul said, "Te be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". Death then for the Christian is the release of the soul from the body. The body returns to the earth from whence it was taken, and the soul returns to God—forever to abide in His presenee. No wonder Paul could say, "to die is gain."

There are many mistaken ideas about death, and I do not seek here to correct them. Paul got to the place where he could defy the claims of death: "Death, where is thy sting oh grave where is thy victory?" Yet some people bow more often at the grave than they do at the altar, spend more money on the grave than they do in the Kingdom, put more flowers on the grave than they do in the church, shed more tears over the grave han they do over a lost world—yes they are more cooperative at the grace than they are in the Kingdom. Our God is not "The God of the dead but the God of the living."

"But some man will say, how are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body tha shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory, it is sown n weakness; it is body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for thetrumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorrpution, and this mortal must put on immortality—then death shall be swallowed up in victory. Oh glorious Victory, that overcomes the world."

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe

37. Rev. G. W. Bullard, Superntendent of Associational Missions, presented the Bibical Recorder, explaining the different plans of subscription.

38. M. A. Huggins discussed State Missions in a very able manner, using power as his subject as found in Corinthians.

39. Vice Moderator, H. L. Good expressed his appreciation for the coorepation given him and challenged the churches to greater work in His service.

Prayer was offered by G. W. Bullard and the Association adjourned until Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1949.

HISTORIAN

It would seem that the idea to hold sessions of each annual meeting of the Association at two different churches has met with some success at least, having stimulated the attendance so that the second day brings as large attendance as the first. The first day's session of Association was held at Poplar Springs Church ten miles Northwest from Taylorsville. Within the last two or three years this church has constructed a new and handsome building, with necessary equipment for church and Sunday School work. The sisters, who are always the most responsible parties on such occasions, served during the noon hour a most delicious luncheon, we came away feeling that it was good and enjoyable to have been there.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church was organized in 1872, the new church was built in 1944. Pastors serving since 1915 are as follows: E. V. Bumgarner, resigned in 1915; B. F. Austin; T. E. Payne; S. I. Watts, F. A. Pennell, W. N. Brookshire, W. O. Johnson. Bro. Johnson has been and is now pastor since 1938. The following have served as clerk, J. A. Pennell, resigned in 1915, J. F. Robinette, W. E. Crouch, W. L. Russell, T. S. Barnes, and Mrs. Roy Rogers is the present clerk of the Church.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church is situated in a beautiful valley surrounded by mountins and high hills, serving a fine people in a settlement noted for its religous tendency. By it, or near to it runs a stream of pure water, fresh from the mountains, as it runs along its ripples seem to say, "thank you", and rolls on its way under bridges, and over stones and rocks, to bless and inspire others who go to worship on its banks.

The second day's session of the Alexander Baptist Association, 1948, was held at Bethel Baptist Church eight miles northeast from Taylorsville, and here today we meet a church house full of Kingdom minded folk, it took every minute of the day to complete the the sequence being admirably fitted for the closing of a great Association. Bethel too has a beautful house of worship, recently built, and well equipped for Sunday School and Church work. "Old Bethel" as it sometimes called, has withstood the storms of opposition to the Master's work, carried on by His Saints who have lived in this community, and some have passed on to their reward, others remain to carry on. This place of worshiip in its purity, to the true liiving God, is unque in one respect, in that it still has the "Old Arbor" the only one in Alexander County, at least. Here too the

sisters served a fine repast at the noon hour, so much good and appetizing food that you hardly knew where to take hold first, this was served under the arbor. Bethel Baptist Church was organized in 1800. The Alexander Baptist has held in the last sixty years, three sessions of the Associaiton, the last day of 61st session being in 1948. Some of the greatest preachers this country has known, have served this church as pastor, the names of some of them follow: Wiiliam Garner, J. Watts, J. G. Bryan, James Reed, W. G. Brown J. Crouch, W. A. Poole, L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, W. A. Myers, W. H. VanHoy, C. C. Poole, D. W. Poole, W. E. Linney, J. W. Watts, L. E. Barnes, A .E. Watts, S. I. Watts, F. C. Watts, J. A. Icenhour is the present pastor.

The following have served as Clerk of the Church: S. P. Smith, William Hines, J. Hendren, H. Hendren, E. B. Hendren, J. W. Hendren J. J. Hendren, J. E. Gilreath, A. C. Jones, J. Y. Williams, L. E. Barnes, J. W. Campbel, S. C. Campbell, E. F. Millsaps, 1933 to present.

In Memoriam

"Neither can they die anymore, for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God; being the children of the resurrection".—Luke 20:36.

Bethel—Rev. L. E. Barnes.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Ivanda Best, Mrs. Girdy Hays, Bernice Austin.

Concord—Mrs. Ruthea King, Mrs. Candace Teague.

Damascus—Deacon Charles E. King, Mrs. Thomas H. Sloan, Mr. Jonah G. Jordan.

Dover—Mrs. W. W. White.

Fairview—Mr. M. W. Baker.

Gay's Chapel—Mr. J. C. Gantt.

Linneys Grove—Deacon W. F. McLain, Mrs. W. F. McLain.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Clemmie Pharr.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. P. M. Godfrey, Mrs. Laura Branton.

Rocky Creek—Mr. John C. Hale, Mrs. Ellen Eldreth.

Stony Point—Mr. J. T. Ward, Mr. Milas A. Lackey.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Vance Sharpe, Mr. E. E. Lackey, Mr. Will Gooden.

Taylorsville, First—Mr. Joe J. Moose, Mr. G. C. Teague.

Taylorsville, East—Mr. Boone Barlowe, Mr. Charlie Chapman.

Taylor Springs—Mrs. Isabell Mayberry, Mr. Carter Dishmond.

Three Forks—Mr. Charlie Harrington, Mrs. Myrtle Bebber.

White Plains—Mrs. Mary Jane Walker.

Little River—Mrs. Sina Walker, Mrs. Mary Rogers. Mrs. Mary Teague.

Macedonia—Mr. John Matheson, Mr. J. L. Hammer,

Mt. Hermon—Mrs. Jane Teague, Mrs. Nola Keller, Mrs. O. F. F. Pool.

STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Association ALEXANDER State NORTH CAROLINA

For Year Ending (Month) September 10, 19 48

Clerk W. W. Harrington Address Taylorsville, N. C.

Moderator E. V. Bumgarner Address Taylorsville, N. C., Rt 2

CHURCHES	Location CC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other Additions	Loss by Death	Total Losses	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Church Library
Antioch	C C	1826	24	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	12	0	0	3	328	50	378	1	12	yes	no
Bethany	C C	1892	3	L. T. Younger, New Hope	2	3	0	0	129	54	183	1	12	no	no
Bethel	C C	1800	3	J. C. Icenhour, Hiddenite, Rt 2	12	4	1	2	170	57	227	1	0	no	no
Bethlehem	C C	1871	1,3	A. M. Watts, Taylorsville	9	1	3	13	275	48	323	1	0	yes	no
Beulah	T	1916		Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	1	0	10	48	15	63	1	0	no	no
Concord	C C	1852	1,3	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	2	4	200	49	249	1	0	no	no
Damascus	C C	1839	1,3	J. C. Poole, Oakwoods	0	0	3	4	126	53	179	1	0	no	no
Dover	C C	1833	2	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	6	0	1	4	100	125	225	1	0	no	no
Fairview	C C	1922	3	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt 5	0	0	1	1	140	38	178	0	0	no	no
Gay's Chapel	C C	1885	1,3	D. C. Thompson, New Hope	1	3	1	2	110	0	110	1	0	no	no
Hiddenite	T	1915	1,3	H. L. Good, Stony Point	4	4	0	2	120	44	164	1	0	yes	yes
Island Ford	C C	1883	...	...	..	..	.	..	27	20	47	.	..	...	...
Lebanon	C C	1884	...	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	75	1	..	...	...
Liledoun	V	1906	all	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville	0	0	0	5	200	60	260	1	0	no	no
Linney's Grove	C C	1895	2	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	0	2	2	7	120	27	147	1	0	no	no
Little River	C C	1792	2	D. L. Bumgarner, Lenoir	2	1	2	3	96	39	135	1	0	no	no
Macedonia	C C	1855	2	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	6	7	3	5	154	30	184	1	0	no	no
Millersville	V	1923	1,3	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt 3..	0	0	0	0	60	23	83	0	0	no	yes
Mt. Hebron	C C	1912	1,3	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	15	2	0	0	160	17	177	1	0	no	no
Mt. Herman	C C	1912	2,4	James R. Lail, Taylorsville	10	0	3	11	157	75	232	1	0	no	yes
Mt. Nebo	C C	1907	1,3	R. C. Loud, Statesville, Rt 5	0	0	0	1	67	25	92	1	0	no	no
Mt. Olive	C C	1865	2,4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	0	2	0	0	127	28	155	1	0	no	no
Oxford Memorial	C C	1942	1,3	Richard Storry, Lenoir	2	4	0	0	67	10	77	1	0	no	no
Pilgrim	C C	1937	1,3	W. M. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	11	3	0	1	190	50	240	1	0	no	no
Pleasant Hill	C C	1852	1	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1	1	1	4	157	50	207	1	0	no	yes
Pleasant Grove	C C	1895	2	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt 5	0	1	2	6	197	25	122	0	0	no	no
Poplar Springs	C C	1872	1,3	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2...	5	1	0	4	135	50	185	1	0	no	no
Rocky Face	C C	1946	2,4	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt 2..	4	2	0	2	46	0	46	1	0	no	no
Rocky Creek	C C	1940	2,4	C. J. Poole, Oakwoods	0	0	2	2	37	11	48	1	0	no	no
Smyrna	C C	1923	1,3	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	76	25	101	0	0	no	no
Stony Point	T	1909	all	H. L. Good, Stony Point	1	3	2	2	291	76	367	1	0	no	yes
Sulphur Springs	C C	1867	3	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt 5	2	0	3	3	180	43	223	1	0	no	no
Taylorsville 1st	T	1851	all	E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville	14	9	2	8	300	110	410	1	65	yes	yes
Taylorsville East	T	1924	all	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	28	22	2	6	250	66	316	1	0	no	no
Taylor Springs	C	1852	1	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt 5	5	1	2	7	203	69	272	1	0	no	no
Three Forks	C C	1837	3,4	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	2	5	2	10	300	66	366	1	0	no	no
White Plains	C C	1912	1,3	R. C. Loyd, Statesville, Rt 5	10	2	1	4	175	75	250	1	0	no	no
TOTALS	...	....	...	...	154	83	42	154	5491	1583	7074	31	89	...	...

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Janitor, Fuel, Repairs, Insurance, etc.	Asst. Pastor, Educational Dir., Choir Leader	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt out of Current Funds	Literature, Quarterlies, Church Paper, Song Books	Benevolences	Building Fund (given Associational Year)	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Church Work
Antioch	Earl Cline, Taylorsville, Rt 2	[illegible]	320.05	.....	175.00	1100.00	195.71	151.30	1757.97	50.00	63.96	4424.49
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	[illegible]	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	516.00
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	[illegible]	90.00	.....	80.65	.....	.....	.....	73.76	.....	.....	479.01
Bethlehem	Arthur Bowman, Hickory, RFD	1376.60	77.00	.....	128.85	.....	72.30	53.54	1714.54	.....	.....	3409.32
Beulah	Mrs. Sam Davis, Taylorsville, Rt 2	[illegible]	59.29	45.30	142.12	.....	21.25	12.90	270.62	.....	35.00	675.42
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	338.75	15.00	.....	15.93	.....	26.50	2.00	.....	.....	26.50	423.58
Damascus	Miss Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt 2	[illegible]	61.00	.....	131.00	.....	17.34	.....	.....	.....	20.00	856.66
Dover	Miss DolpHine Mooney, Taylorsville, Rt 2	[illegible]	.....	30.00	95.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	509.00
Fairview	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt 1	[illegible]	10.00	.....	.....	.....	34.16	7.50	.....	.....	28.00	359.16
Gay's Chapel	A. G. Starrette, Statesville, Rt 2	[illegible]	25.14	.....	[illegible]	.....	53.00	62.00	.....	62.00	.....	710.09
Hiddenite	J. A. Adams, Hiddenite	1187.44	402.27	72.70	[illegible]	.....	156.00	174.82	7000.94	12.28	7.00	9127.19
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	.....	[illegible]	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.00	1050.00
Liledoun	Pleas Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 1	1100.24	523.25	.....	[illegible]	.....	313.21	.....	7000.00	50.00	.....	8573.70
Linney's Grove	L. A. Childers, Hiddenite	[illegible]	152.21	.....	[illegible]	.....	27.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	510.03
Little River	Mrs. Loyd Keever, Taylorsville, Rt 2	1063.81	[illegible]	.....	[illegible]	.....	46.17	.....	.....	112.03	38.75	1489.76
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	[illegible]	20.00	.....	101.00	.....	78.00	85.00	100.00	20.00	15.00	1017.37
Millersville	Mrs. Jack Carrigan, Taylorsville, Rt 1	175.00	26.35	.....	.....	.....	44.77	.....	.....	.....	12.50	258.62
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wike, Pores Knob	629.23	.....	.....	80.60	.....	34.08	.....	.....	.....	200.00	943.91
Mt. Herman	W. P. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	920.00	130.30	.....	100.00	.....	92.75	.....	.....	100.00	230.03	1573.03
Mt. Nebo	J. R. Burgess, Hiddenite	[illegible]	.....	.....	43.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	273.10
Mt. Olive	B. J. Deal, Pores Knob	640.61	32.60	.....	131.20	.....	64.13	15.04	.....	.....	329.80	1223.18
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. J. C. Blair, Taylorsville, Rt 2	[illegible]	86.00	.....	.....	.....	38.96	[illegible]	.....	.....	103.40	709.64
Pilgrim	Wade Connolly, New Hope	[illegible]	.....	.....	107.68	.....	[illegible]	15.00	1516.37	.....	15.17	1324.81
Pleasant Hill	Fred Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt 3	461.00	50.00	.....	111.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	672.05
Pleasant Grove	Lee Sherrill, Statesville, Rt 7	[illegible]	[illegible]	.....	.....	.....	68.50	.....	[illegible]	.....	[illegible]	964.78
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	827.25	111.85	.....	186.54	.....	30.00	[illegible]	.....	24.37	442.08	1833.33
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	[illegible]	1.50	.....	68.70	.....	[illegible]	8.50	17.25	.....	.....	196.38
Rocky Face	Crowson Wike, Taylorsville, Rt 3	61.00	.....	.....	[illegible]	75.00	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	194.00
Smyrna	J. W. Perkins, Conover, Rt 1	328.00	36.00	.....	.....	.....	86.22	.....	[illegible]	.....	26.50	505.31
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	3196.18	[illegible]	.....	130.00	430.00	259.52	22.40	970.49	41.00	127.50	5627.01
Sulphur Springs	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite	707.06	26.00	.....	125.68	.....	[illegible]	.....	.....	.....	.....	939.32
Taylorsville 1st	Durant Adams, Taylorsville	2794.97	[illegible]	.....	[illegible]	.....	222.35	.....	.....	.....	111.80	4722.04
Taylorsville East	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville	3070.00	357.26	.....	188.91	677.35	[illegible]	50.00	1734.72	58.40	[illegible]	6608.52
Taylor Springs	Carolyn Williams, New Hope	372.82	22.00	.....	128.00	.....	32.00	.....	900.00	.....	[illegible]	1463.20
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, Rt 2	1243.30	.....	.....	159.00	.....	458.05	[illegible]	.....	.....	28.00	2044.58
White Plains	Allie Walker, Hiddenite, Rt 2	411.94	4.80	.....	110.60	900.00	37.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1405.84
TOTALS	.....	26062.31	3961.12	233.86	3253.59	2752.85	3164.84	1255.47	23800.89	538.13	1934.99	65338.99

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY R. H. Weaver, Taylorsville	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total Gifts for all purposes
Antioch	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2	114.24	50.00	20.24	9.51	10.00	....	26.05	81.32	10.00	321.31	4745.80
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.48	2.50	67.95	19.60	.....	121.53	637.53
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, Rt 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.25	....	8.75	11.73	.....	53.73	532.74
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville Rt 2	.....	129.84	.....	.....	.....	....	144.15	.....	.....	307.08	1901.86
Beulah	Mrs. Sam Davis, Taylorsville	43.54	3.42	.....	.....	33.19	....	11.40	28.40	.....	83.34	758.76
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	428.58
Damascus	Miss Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	77.62	....	72.34	60.55	.....	210.51	1067.17
Dover	R. C. White, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	10.00	350.00	65.00	78.50	587.50
Fairview	J. W. Query, Hiddenite, Rt 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.00	....	53.89	26.17	.....	97.06	456.22
Gay's Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, Rt 1,	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	....	15.00	.....	.....	30.00	740.09
Hiddenite	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite	.....	27.55	102.71	108.54	43.00	....	329.04	46.00	.....	656.84	9784.03
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	1150.00
Liledoun	Pleas Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 1	36.24	50.00	25.00	50.00	.....	....	36.00	.....	.....	197.24	8770.94
Linney's Grove	S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	12.85	15.15	.....	27.90	537.93
Little River	Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	12.35	15.00	.....	58.35	1548.11
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	67.62	28.75	.....	96.37	1114.74
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville, Rt 1	.....	.....	15.00	5.00	10.00	....	20.00	10.00	.....	60.00	318.62
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	943.91
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	19.00	100.00	.....	.....	75.00	....	120.00	85.00	40.00	439.10	2012.03
Mt. Nebo	J. K. Burgess, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	9.02	.....	9.02	282.12
Mt. Olive	S. C. Deal, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.33	....	225.44	53.93	.....	305.70	1528.88
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. G. R. Reid, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	25.00	22.84	42.26	90.10	799.74
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	3.75	15.00	18.75	1943.56
Pleasant Hill	Homer Daniels, Pores Knob	.....	48.00	.....	.....	123.23	....	123.23	123.23	.....	417.69	1089.74
Pleasant Grove	Lee Sherrill, Statesville, Rt 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	186.71	....	32.32	34.11	.....	253.14	1217.92
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	68.32	....	49.40	23.37	.....	141.09	1974.42
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	5.75	5.00	....	5.50	6.13	.....	22.38	218.76
Rocky Face	Miller Walker, Taylorsville, Rt 3	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	190.00
Smyrna	Paul Teague, Hickory Rt 3	191.35	15.00	10.00	11.06	11.06	....	101.07	33.17	32.12	181.99	687.30
Stony Point	W. M. Watts, Stony Point	443.14	.....	.....	133.00	264.00	....	491.75	50.00	.....	2474.78	8101.97
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	44.01	482.59	....	180.50	20.75	64.92	649.74	2272.00
Taylorsville 1st	A. C. Payne Taylorsville	689.62	150.00	116.56	123.18	124.51	....	473.00	293.55	778.56	2763.98	7486.02
Taylorsville East	Mrs. Ruby Austin, Taylorsville	.....	50.00	19.00	184.34	88.00	....	200.00	88.45	.....	630.39	7238.91
Taylor Springs	J. C. Younger, New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.00	....	43.18	33.33	.....	76.51	1539.51
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.83	....	27.15	25.00	.....	101.98	2146.56
White Plains	Allie Walker, Hiddenite, Rt 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	16.00	53.93	9.38	79.31	1485.15
TOTALS	.....	1544.13	440.81	283.51	649.39	1857.12	2.50	2966.16	1346.72	1057.24	10953.31	76812.61

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

James Lail, Taylorsville

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers not Counted Classes and Depts.	Mission Sunday School Enrollment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible S School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville	0	20	20	18	29	21	21	96	0	1	0	216	125	106	92
Bethany	J. D. Costner, Pores Knob	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	.	72	45	...	...
Bethel	V. K. Bentley, Taylorsville, Rt 3	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	.	73	43	...	...
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls, Rt 1	0	0	0	12	14	18	22	37	0	7	0	113	75	25	21
Beulah	Earnest James, Taylorsville	0	0	7	10	0	13	0	14	0	0	0	44	33	...	...
Concord	Lester Fox, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	12	18	0	25	0	5	0	60	35	...	...
Damascus	R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt 2	0	0	0	7	4	10	0	16	0	0	0	87	22	...	...
Dover	Morvin Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	9	0	5	0	15	15	0	0	0	44	35	...	...
Fairview	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	.	90	64	...	...
Gay's Chapel	C. L. Deal, Statesville, Rt 1	12	0	0	13	0	17	28	43	0	0	0	113	64	...	...
Hiddenite	L. T. Cooden, Hiddenite	13	0	8	14	14	11	13	73	8	2	0	156	92	82	64
Island Ford	.....	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	.	....	...	...	...
Lebanon	.....	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	.	50	...	...	...
Liledoun	J. W. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 1	0	0	30	15	27	28	25	44	0	0	0	169	132	50	35
Linney's Grove	S. D. Cwaltney, Hiddenite	0	0	10	10	20	7	8	15	0	0	0	60	35	...	...
Little River	Curlee Chapman, Taylorsville, Rt 3	3	0	26	0	22	0	21	46	0	0	0	118	52	58	54
Macedonia	W. F. Smith, Taylorsville	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	.	100	70	...	...
Millersville	Ben Thompson, Taylorsville, Rt 1	0	0	8	0	12	20	0	25	0	0	0	65	25	...	...
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wike, Pores Knob	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	0	..	.	85	65	...	...
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	17	14	14	24	31	49	0	6	0	155	107	60	58
Mt. Nebo	J. C. Burgess, Hiddenite	0	0	11	0	0	9	0	10	0	0	0	30	23	...	...
Mt. Olive	Ralph Russell, Pores Knob	0	0	13	10	13	0	28	30	0	0	0	94	50	...	...
Oxford Memorial	Hayden Reid, Lenoir, Rt 2	0	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	.	43	30	...	...
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	0	4	16	7	12	9	41	47	0	2	0	138	84	...	...
Pleasant Hill	Tommy Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt 3	0	0	0	20	17	6	0	32	0	2	0	81	39	...	...
Pleasant Grove	Paul Levan, Statesville, Rt 2	0	0	20	13	0	7	0	34	0	8	0	82	45	...	...
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, Taylorsville	0	0	15	0	15	10	0	15	0	0	0	90	55	...	...
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	0	0	4	5	7	8	8	5	0	0	0	37	16	...	...
Rocky Face	Tommy Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt 3	0	0	12	0	8	0	0	20	0	0	0	40	30	...	...
Smyrna	Earl Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	4	4	4	8	8	12	10	0	0	0	50	43	55	47
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt 7	0	17	15	30	38	21	31	109	0	16	0	277	125	...	...
Sulphur Springs	Parks Keever, Hiddenite	0	0	28	15	14	9	32	54	0	12	0	164	103	100	70
Taylorsville 1st	D. C. Campbell, Taylorsville	0	21	14	36	37	20	26	139	0	4	0	279	135	101	90
Taylorsville East	Howard Deal, Taylorsville, Rt 3	0	5	19	34	34	40	31	52	0	2	0	217	110	169	104
Taylor Springs	Dean Redman, New Hope	0	0	14	0	12	10	24	37	0	0	0	97	80	0	0
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	26	0	24	30	20	60	0	0	0	160	90	...	...
White Plains	R. L. Adams, Taylorsville, Rt 3	0	0	10	8	10	8	42	34	0	0	0	112	63	...	...
TOTALS	.....	28	71	356	295	395	382	479	1176	8	67		3787	2240	806	635

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Story Hours	Junior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Young Peoples Unions	Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bethany.....	Edd Hendren, Pores Knob	1	1	1	0	1	4	5	5	24	8	9	42	40
Liledoun.....	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville	1	1	1	.	1	4	8	10	18	12	2	50	35
Stony Point.....	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	1	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	11	86	50
Taylorsville 1st..	Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	.	1	1	.	1	3	..	15	20	15	3	53	35
Taylorsville East.	Frank Watson, Taylorsville	1	2	1	.	1	5	10	19	28	27	3	87	...
TOTALS.....	.....	4	6	5	1	5	21	23	49	90	42	28	318	160

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Hiddenite.....	Mrs. J. B. Matlock, Hiddenite....	2	1	1	.	4	34	14	18	..	66	..	5
Stony Point.....	Mrs. C. H. Alexander, Stony Point	2	1	2	1	6	36	15	15	38	139	13	20
Sulphur Springs...	Miss Lois Sharpe, Hiddenite.....	1	.	.	.	1	16	..	..	..	16	..	..
Taylorsville 1st..	Mrs. Harry Deal, Taylorsville....	1	1	2	1	5	92	10	23	13	139	69	32
Taylorsville East.	Mrs. M. R. Bowman, Taylorsville..	1	1	1	.	3	21	13	11	..	45	..	..
TOTALS.....	.....	7	4	6	2	19	189	52	67	51	405	82	57

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Pool	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Spring	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	E. S Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1908	Concord	W. E. Lonney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Pool	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mount Hermon	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918				
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	W. E. White
1927	Mt. Olive	I. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	J. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	Taylorsville, East.	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville 1st	Homer L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
1947	Three Forks Taylorsville, East..	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
1948	Taylor Springs Poplar Springs Bethel	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington

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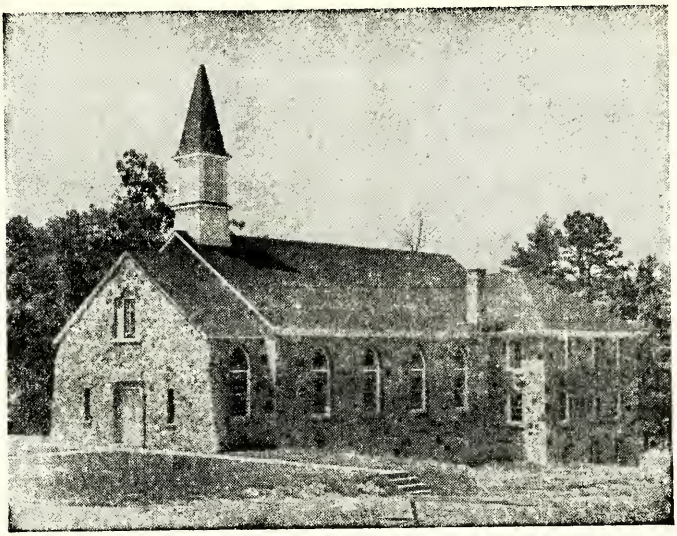

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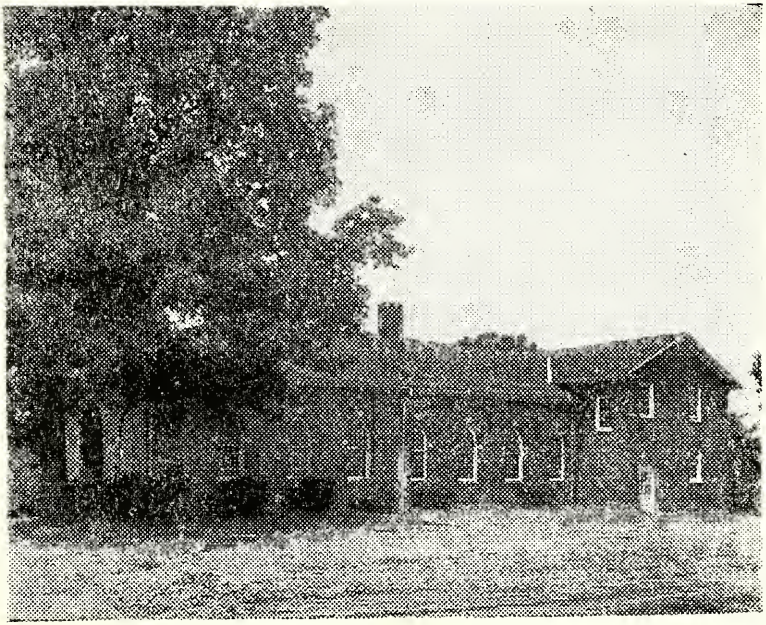

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LIST OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—V. W. Teague, John Teague, Carris Austin, Willie Pennell, Walter Milstead.

BETHANY—J. D. Costner, J. M. Costner, Wayne Hendren, Herman Moose.

BETHEL—E. F. Millsaps, J. L. Smith, Lawrence Marlow, B. B. Barnette.

BETHLEHEM—R. Lee Teague, T. B. Wagner, Howard Teague.

BEULAH—H. L. McDuffie, Ernest James, Sam V. Davis.

CALVARY—Mrs. Estmer Webster, Nay Brookshire, John L. Watts.

CONCORD—N. R. Martin, Lester Fox, Erby Martin.

DAMASCUS—T. B. Johnson, G. S. Pharr, Floyd M. Sloan, R. A. Wilson.

DOVER—Byrd Pennell, Kelly White, Edd Mooney.

FAIRVIEW—J. W. Querry, W. B. Hendren, Forest Sprinkle

GAY'S CHAPEL—G. L. Deal, A. D. McIntyre, A. C. Cloer.

HIDDENITE—Mrs. Leach Gooden, Mrs. Mack Kerley, Mrs. R. W. Adams, R. L. Grant.

ISLAND FORD—J. H. Byers, J. D. Byers, A. V. Byers.

LILEDOUN—Pleas Jenkins, C. A. Smith, Avery Fox.

LINNEY'S GROVE—S. D. Gwaltney, L. A. Childers, B. P. Childers.

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. R. O. Mullis, Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Lindsay Brown, Mrs. J. H. Bumgarner.

MACEDONIA—W. P. Smith, Ray Icenhour, V. A. Carrigan, Charlie Fox.

MILLERSVILLE—G. S. Hampton, Jay Stafford, J. B. Thompson.

MT. HEBRON—C. C. Deal, Roby Davidson, Wilson Wike

MT. HERMAN—P. E. Johnson, Kenneth Kerley, Flake Dyson.

MT. OLIVE—R. T. Lowe, Sherman Davis, Ralph Russell.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mrs. Estelle Reid, Mrs. Effie Caldwell, Mrs. James C. Pennell.

PILGRIM—Paul Mayberry, Richard Bustle, W. G. Mayberry, L. C. Millsaps.

PLEASANT GROVE—L. S. Johnson, D. L. Sherrill, Q. M. Teague.

PLEASANT HILL—Homer Daniels, Fred Harrington, Frank Gwaltney.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Earl Robinette, Norris Bumgarner.

ROCKY CREEK—W. G. Johnson, Lillard Eldreth, Hubert Hawn.

ROCKY FACE—Crowson Wike, Lonzo Bowles, Otis Mitchell.

SMYRNA—Q. L. Frye, Charlie Cline, Everette Teague, Earl Teague. Fred Teague.

STONY POINT—Mrs. J. P. Watts, W. C. Grose, Mrs. Clyde Alexander, Mrs. J. B. Cashion, Carrie Pharr.

TAYLORSVILLE FIRST—Fred Johnson, C. E. Echerd, Miss Lucy Thompson.

TAYLORSVILLE EAST—Rev. Harvey White, Mrs. Harvey White, Leroy Sweet, Mrs. Dessie Meredith.

TAYLOR SPRINGS—B. D. Mayberry, Cecil Rupard, R. C. Redmond.

THREE FORKS—Atwell Childers, R. W. Childers, Robert Herman.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Membership

ARTICLE III. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

Powers and Prerogatives

ARTICLE IV. The Association may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

ARTICLE V. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advice when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted.

ARTICLE VI. The expense of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

Government

ARTICLE VIII. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

ARTICLE X. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the last day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

ARTICLE XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing

and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

ARTICLE XIV. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

ARTICLE XV. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, appoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

ARTICLE XVI. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

ARTICLE XVII. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon.

ARTICLE XVIII. It shall be the duty of the program committee to prepare and publish a program for each annual session, consisting of a list of subjects or questions, and assign the same to speakers for discussion not less than thirty days prior to each annual meeting of the association.

ARTICLE XIX. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

ARTICLE XX. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolution of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

ARTICLE XXI. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian, and chairman of the committee on nominations, shall form an executive board for the supervision of the work and the business of the association between sessions.

ARTICLE XXII. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

By motion of Rev. C. C. Holland, the Report on Hospitals was deferred until tomorrow and the Report on Baptist Training Union come at this hour. The motion carried.

The report was read by Mrs. Rom Teague, was discussed by Miss Lucy Thompson, Rev. C. C. Holland and J. L. Teague, and was adopted.

OFFICERS

Moderator, A. B. Bumgarner ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Vice-Moderator, W. C. Grose ..... Stony Point, N. C.
Clerk-Treasurer,
Historian, A. C. Payne ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Sunday School Supt., Harvey White ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
B. T. U., Miss Lucy Thompson ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
W. M. U., Miss Anne Baker ..... Stony Point, N. C.
Hospital Representative, W. W. Harrington ..... Taylorsville, N. C.

Committees

Nomination: James R. Lail, S. D. Gwaltney, Jeffie Daniels.
Digest of Church Letters: C. E. Echerd, R. L. Moose, S. F. Cook.
Resolutions: E. C. Shoe, Charlie Poole, R. M. Weaver.
Program: H. L. Good, A. B. Bumgarner, B. F. Peeler.
Application for Membership in Association: A. E. Watts, A. C. Payne, W. O. Johnson.
Time, Place and Preacher: J. A. Icenhour, W. C. Grose, R. Lee Teague.

Visitors

L. L. Carpenter, Editor of The Recorder; W. C. Reed, Supt. Kennedy Home; G. C. Teague, Kings Mountain; J. G. Caldwell, Brushy Mountain; S. A. High, Raleigh; Bro. Cook, South River; Dr. W. R. McGee, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; Dr. E. L. Spivey, State Mission Board, Raleigh; Rev. W. L. Highfill, Mars Hill College; T. L. Blalock, Mt. Pleasant; Rev. A. C. Lovelace, Wingate College; E. K. Wooten, Yadkin.

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCHES

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the local Church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and cooperative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual session at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, named a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (with the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give council and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has the indorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943 name a committee of pastors and deacons to sit in council with a sister church in a matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of the denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and

ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to cooperate in the Faith and work "Once and for all delivered unto the saints".

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Shoe.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ANTIOCH—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Taylorsville; Clerk, V. W. Teague, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Earl Cline, Taylorsville; Sunday School Supt., W. R. Austin, Taylorsville.

BETHANY—Pastor, L. T. Younger, New Hope; Clerk, J. D. Costner, Pores Knob; S. S. Supt., Wayne Hendren, Pores Knob.

BETHEL—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite; Clerk-Treasurer, E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite; S. S. Supt., Gilbert Sloan, Hiddenite.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk, R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Arthur Bowman, Hickory Route; S. S. Supt., Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls.

BEULAH—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Sam V. Davis, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Robert Settlemyre; S. S. Supt., Ernest James, Taylorsville.

CALVARY—Pastor, J. G. Caldwell, North Wilkesboro, Route 1; Clerk, Mrs. Estmer Webster, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Watts, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., W. R. Tevepaugh, Taylorsville.

CONCORD—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk-Treasurer, N. R. Martin, Stony Point; S. S. Supt., Lester Fox, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS—Pastor, C. J. Poole, Moravian Falls; Clerk-Treasurer, Miss Maggie McLain, Statesville, Route 2; S. S. Supt., R. A. Wilson, Statesville.

DOVER—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, Miss Joyce Mooney, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Miss Gaynell Pennell, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Miss Anna Mae Pennell, Taylorsville.

FAIRVIEW—Pastor, G. D. White, Statesville, Route 5; Clerk, J. W. Querry, Hiddenite; Treasurer, W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite; S. S. Supt., W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite.

GAYS CHAPEL—Pastor, D. C. Thompson, New Hope; Clerk, G. L. Deal, Statesville, Route 1; Treasurer, A. G. Starrette, Statesville, Route 2; S. S. Supt., G. L. Deal, Statesville, Route 1.

HIDDENITE—Pastor, H. L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Blaine Campbell, Hiddenite; S. S. Supt., L. T. Gooden, Hiddenite.

ISLAND FORD—Pastor, Grover Blankenship, Hiddenite; Clerk-Treasurer, J. H. Byers, Statesville, Route 6; S. S. Supt., A. V. Byers, Statesville.

LILEDOUN—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite; Clerk, Pleas Jenkins, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Avery C. Fox, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., James W. Teague, Taylorsville.

LINNEYS GROVE—Pastor, E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Clerk, S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite; Treasurer, L. A. Childress, Hiddenite; S. S. Supt., S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER—Clerk, Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Taylorsville, Route 2; Treasurer, Willie Childress, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Ralph Walker, Taylorsville.

MACEDONIA—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk-Treasurer, W. P. Smith, Taylorsville.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Carrigan, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Mrs. Faye Icenhour, Taylorsville.

MT. HEBRON—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, C. C. Deal, Pores Knob; Treasurer, Gaither Wike, Pores Knob; S. S. Supt., Gaither Wike, Pores Knob.

MT. HERMON—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville; Clerk, P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville; Treasurer, W. D. Johnson, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville.

MT. OLIVE—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, S. C. Deal, Pores Knob; Treasurer, B. J. Deal, Pores Knob; S. S. Supt., T. S. Deal, Pores Knob.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. G. R. Reid, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Blair, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., James C. Pennell, Taylorsville.

PILGRIM—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite; Clerk, Paul Mayberry, New Hope; Treasurer, Wade Connally, New Hope; S. S. Supt., W. G. Mayberry, New Hope.

PLEASANT GROVE—Clerk, L. S. Johnson, Stony Point; Treasurer, D. L. Sherrill, Statesville, Route 7; S. S. Supt., Paul Levan, Statesville, Route 2.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville; Clerk, Homer Daniels, Pores Knob; Treasurer, Fred Harrington, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Henry Burke, Taylorsville.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville; Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Earl Robinette, Taylorsville.

ROCKY CREEK—Pastor, C. J. Poole, Wilkesboro, Route 2; Clerk-Treasurer, Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob; S. S. Supt., Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob.

ROCKY FACE—Pastor, Grover Blankenship, Hiddenite; Clerk, Crowson Wike, Taylorsville; Treasurer, D. M. Walker, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Tommie Daniels, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Taylorsville; Clerk, Paul Teague, Hickory; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover, S. S. Supt., Earl Teague, Taylorsville.

STONY POINT—Pastor, H. L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, Vance Stikeleather, Hiddenite, Treasurer, Howard Norton, Stony Point; S. S. Supt., W. C. Groce, Statesville.

TAYLORSVILLE FIRST—Pastor, E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville; Clerk, R. L. Moose, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Durant Adams, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., David C. Campbell, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Pastor, A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville: Clerk, Mrs. Ruby Austin; Treasurer, R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville S. S. Supt., Howard Deal, Taylorsville.

TAYLOR SPRINGS—Pastor, G. D. White, Statesville; Clerk, J. C. Younger, New Hope; Treasurer, Carolyn Williams, New Hope; S. S. Supt., Dean Redmond, New Hope.

THREE FORKS—Pastor, E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Clerk-Treasurer, R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville.

The 62nd Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association was held with Antioch and Hiddenite Baptist churches on October 5th and 6th, 1949. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.

Rev. J. R. Lail led the congregation in singing "Trust and Obey".

Devotional was conducted by Rev. Jeffie Daniels using Ezek. 37: 1-14. Prayer was led by Bro. Daniels.

A motion was made and carried that A. B. Bumgarner and C. E. Echerd be elected to serve as clerk and treasurer in the absence of Mr. Harrington.

Upon a motion by A. C. Payne the following program was adopted with the moderator to have the privilege of revising it as needed.

PROGRAM

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Antioch Baptist Church — October 5th, 1949

Hiddenite Baptist Church — October 6th, 1949

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 Song
10:05 Scripture and Prayer ..... Jeffie Daniels
10:15 Roll Call of churches, adoption of program, recognition of visitors, and appointment of committees
10:35 Report on Sunday Schools ..... Harvey White
10:55 Report on Baptist Literature ..... R. H. Weaver
11:15 Song
11:20 Miscellaneous business
11:30 Annual Sermon ..... W. O. Johnson

Intermission

1:15 Song
1:20 Scripture and Prayer ..... J. A. Icenhour
1:30 Call for delinquent churches
1:35 Report on Missions ..... H. L. Good
2:05 Report on W. M. U. ..... Miss Annie Baker
2:25 Song
2:30 Report on Baptist Hospital ..... E. C. Shoe
2:50 Election of Officers
Miscellaneous business.

Thursday, October 6

10:00 Song
10:05 Scripture and Prayer ..... Wade Rogers
10:15 Call for delinquent churches
10:20 Report on Orphanage ..... J. R. Lail
10:50 Report on Christian Education ..... A. B. Bumgarner
11:10 Song
11:15 Report on Temperance ..... A. C. Payne
11:45 Report on B. T. U. ..... Lucy Thompson

Intermission

1:15 Song
1:20 Scripture and Prayer ..... C. J. Poole
1:30 Report on Evangelism ..... B. F. Peeler
1:50 Distinctive Baptist Doctrines ..... E. V. Bumgarner
2:30 Miscellaneous business
Report of Committees
Adjourn.

Visitors were recognized by the moderator. The list of visitors appears elsewhere.

The proper committees were appointed by the moderator. Committees appear in proper place.

The report on Sunday School was read and discussed by Harvey White and adopted. Bro. White gave a very challenging and inspiring address.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School we will agree plays an important part in the function of our churches of today. The membership of our churches in this Association is 7000, more or less. We have 3787 enrolled in Sunday School. 2240 attending Sunday School. This record gives 59% of the Sunday School enrollment attending Sunday School. 31% of the 7000 Church members in our churches who claim to be professors of Christ are attending Sunday School. The Vacation Bible Schools held this year was approximately 10. These figures give us only 27% of our Churches had Vacation Bible Schools. These figures also prove to us that less than half of our Church members are having very little religious instructions. May we be challenged as Churches to pray, serve, and go until more of our people are in Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey White.

Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of the Recorder, spoke on Christian literature in the absence of R. H. Weaver.

REPORT OF THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

The present circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER is around 43,000. For our large circulation we are grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people. We express our appreciation to General Secretary M. A. Huggins and all the State workers for the great help which they have rendered.

A slight increase in our subscription rates has helped us to get out of the red financially. We have also been able to install the addressograph system for mailing the paper which is the most modern and efficient method at this time.

The RECORDER has three subscription plans: $2.50 a year for individual subscriptions; $2.00 a year in clubs—a minimum of at least 3 subscriptions is required for every church reporting less than 100 members, and 5 subscriptions for every church reporting more than 100 members, $1.50 a year for the Every-family Plan—one subscription for each resident church family is required. We hope that pastors, superintendents, deacons, Training Unions, and W. M. U. leaders will do what they can to encourage a good club in every Baptist church; or better still, persuade the churches to inaugurate the Every-family Plan. At the present time there are 300 churches which have the RECORDER in every resident family. There are 783 churches which have RECORDER clubs.

Our aim is to make the BIBLICAL RECORDER both a wholesome, attractive family weekly and a solid, substantial denominational journal. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, organized in 1830, has as its purpose, according to the Constitution, the promotion of "missions, education, social service, and the distribution of the Bible and **sound religious literature.**" We purposely underscore the words "sound religious literature."

It was not an accident that the BIBLICAL RECORDER was founded in 1833. The founding fathers realized that the people did not, and could not, advance beyond the information which they had. That was true then and is equally true today. Secretary M. A. Huggins says: "A study of the minutes of the Convention will show that almost without exception there is a direct relationship between the number of RECORDER subscribers in any church and the support which that church gives to missions, education and benevolence."

In addition to information about Baptist work, the RECORDER carries week by week significant articles which deal with the great issues of life which all our people must face.

We hope our Baptist people will remember us constantly in prayer and let us hear from them if they have any material or suggestions for the good of the paper, or if we can be of service to them. One of the great needs of our people is that they be informed, trained and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God, and we

feel that the BIBLICAL RECORDER is of immense value in this great cause. We want to be a comrade and helper to every Baptist home and church in North Carolina and do what we can for the support of every cause dear to the hearts of our people. We would follow the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

L. L. Carpenter,
Raleigh, N. C., July, 1949 Editor and Business Manager

Bro Lail led the congregation in singing "Praise Him, Praise Him".

Miscellaneous Business

The application for membership of Calvary Baptist Church at Taylorsville was read by the Moderator; also the church minutes for Associational year. It was referred to the proper committee which was to bring back a recommendation. Announcement was made by T. L. Blalock relative to his paper "The Forerunner" and the book on his Life's Work.

Song, "He Leadeth Me", was led by Bro. Lail.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. O. Johnston.

Text: I Corinth. 13:11 Scripture Lesson: chapter 13

Subject: "How Big Are You"?

I—Are we big enough to stand?
II—Are we big enough to walk?
If so where are we going?
With whom are we walking?
III—Are we big enough to see over our own fence?
If so what do I see:
1.—In men? their value
2.—What do members see in Pastors?
3.—What do we pastors see in our people?
4.—The sincerity in others.

A delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the Antioch church. Blessings on the meal was offered by W. C. Reed, Supt. Kennedy Home, Kinston.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was begun by singing, "Draw Me Nearer", led by J. R. Lail.

G. C. Teague led the Devotion by quoting scripture and leading in prayer.

Report of Baptist Orphanage was presented by J. R. Lail and adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptist Orphanage, including Mills Home at Thomasville and Kennedy Home at Kinston, is the institution of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, dedicated to the care of children deprived of the privilege of home-life and paternal care. This institution has cared for thousands of unfortunate children since its beginning and at present cares for approximately eight hundred (800) children per year. The Orphanage is under the able direction of Dr. Zeno Wall, who is the present Superintendent.

The Orphanage depends largely for its support upon the "Once-a-month" Sunday School offerings and the Thanksgiving offering made annually. All produce, canned goods and clothing is appreciated. The churches are doing a wonderful work through the Baptist Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Lail.

Bro. W. C. Reed, Superintendent of Kennedy Home at Kinston, spoke on the Rights of Children.

1.—The Right of Freedom from alcohol
2.—The Right of Freedom from divorce
3.—The Right to a Strong Body
4.—The Right to an Education
5.—The Right to Spiritual Training.

Report on Baptist Hospital was presented by E. C. Shoe and was discussed by Dr. W. K. McGee of the hospital. Report was adopted.

THEY COULD NOT COME NIGH FOR THE CROWDS

Sick folks are ready to go where help is. Our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem is offering help, all kinds of help, and crowds are coming, all beds are full, all workers are busy, all hours both day and night somebody is receiving help from our great hospital. The picture in Mark, second chapter, is repeated in one sense at least "borne of four", as the four men brought the sick man to Jesus, so many are bringing their sick to our hospital. These men had faith, faith in the healer, faith in the method, faith in the cure, and faith in the sick man—he was worth healing. Let us hush our little criticisms and take or send our sick to our Baptist hospital. There are two ways open to all sick people. The Out-Patient Clinic, and the Private Patient Clinic. All sick people may go to the Out-Patient Clinic. But if you need the ministry of certain doctors in particular and localized troubles go to the Private-Patient Clinic. Here you will find a doctor who knows how to help you and help quickly.

If you hear our Baptist hospital is just experimenting on people, tell them it is not so, and go on and get help, special help, the best help in our whole Nation. Our hospital and Medical College rank among the highest, being 10th in the Nation already, and yet one of the youngest. Come and see what it looks like, try what it has to offer, and go out and tell others what great things have been done for you. Let every Church, yea every Baptist, in North Carolina, give something to our hospital—that it may do greater things.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Shoe

Report on Missions was presented by H. L. Good, and ordered printed in the minutes. Dr. E. L. Spivey of the State Mission Board, gave a most challenging and inspiring message on Missions.

THE CHURCH IN NEED OF MISSIONS

Christianity is not only the greatest religion in the world, it is distinctly a religion for the whole world. It is not my purpose to enter into a defense of, nor champion the cause, missions. They stand there immovable in the purpose of God. They are the corner-stone as well as the crown in the fabric of the christian church. This stone which for many years was rejected is now become the head of the corner, and whosoever shall fall upon it—whatever church shall ignore its claims—shall be broken.

It is impossible to divorce the church from missions—they are both one; but if we may do so in our thought for a time, we shall find that missions are not so much in need of the home church as the home church is in need of missions. The home church today is not so much the source of encouragement to missions as missions are the fountain of inspiration to the home church. The question is no longer whether the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, but whether the Gospel can be saved for the home church if it is not given speedily to the heathen.

The fires on the mission altars are burning brightly, souls by the thousands are being born every year. The faith of the missionary was never stronger, nor his hope brighter. The only cloud that crosses his horizon is fear lest the church at home may not live up to her priceless privilege. If our lamps in the home churches are burning dimly, if out of our twilight and shadows we see the light in the far away distance shining steadily, it might be well for us to ask what kind of oil fills that lamp. Like Apollas the eloquent, the home church ought to be willing to be instructed by this Aquilla and Priscilla in "the way of God more perfectly".

There are two things we must do.

1. Pray. If you pray earnestly a year for China, you will feel that you ought to go. If your church prays a year earnestly for China, she will double her missionary offerings. If at the family altar a Father and Mother plead earnestly for India or Africa, God will ask a son or daughter of them for far away service. If we pay the price we can claim the power.

2. Give. Jesus said, "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". The picture of other days was that of Atlas holding the world on his shoulders; but the picture for boy and girl, for man and woman, for minister and missionary today, is Christ bearing the world upon His heart.

The world with Atlas' shoulder under it we know is a myth, but the world with Christ's heart under it is the mightiest reality of the ages.

Respectfully submitted,
Homer L. Good.

Report on W. M. U. was brought by Mrs. U. L. Hafer in the absence of Miss Anne Baker. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF W. M. U. — 1949

The 1948 Minutes report thirty-seven churches in the Alexander Association with a membership of 5491. There are five W.M.U. organizations with a membership of 405.

Alexander Association should have thirty-seven W. M. U. organizations. Certainly more than 405 of the 5491 members should be enrolled in W. M. U.

If the work is to grow, information must be given. (Romans 10: 1-17). If pastors of the thirty-seven churches will emphasize W. M. U. the opening will be made. The leaders must become interested. Those who are already in the work must be evangelistic. They must first give themselves to the Lord. (Romans 12:1). Then they must be on fire for the enlistment of others in the Association. There must be prevailing prayer. With God on the side of W. M. U. victory is assured. (Romans 8:31).

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Baker.

By motion the election of officers was postponed until October 6.

Greetings were brought from Mars Hill College by Rev. W. L. Highfill.

Training of children and Missions was emphasized by Rev. T. L. Blalock.

A. C. Payne, of the committee on Admission of Churches, read the report of the committee: That Calvary Baptist Church at Taylorsville be admitted to the Alexander Baptist Association. E. C. Shoe offered an amendment: that the matter be postponed until a future time. The motion did not get a second; therefore died. H. L. Good moved that the Association adjourn and consider the matter at some future time. The motion being out of order the Association voted to accept the Calvary Baptist Church into the Association. The Moderator welcomed the church into our fellowship.

The Association adjourned to meet with Hiddenite Baptist Church the following day at 10:00 A. M.

SECOND DAY — HIDDENITE

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.
Song: "Praise Him, Praise Him", led by the Pastor, Rev. H. L. Good.
Rev. J. A. Icenhour led the Devotional using Psalm 1.

The report on Christian Education by A. B. Bumgarner. Rev. A. C. Lovelace of Wingate Junior College led the discussion on the report. Mr. Lovelace gave a very inspiring and challenging message on Christian Education.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Man has long known that the realization of his industrial, scientific and social potentialities will be in direct proportion to his intellectual development. As a result we have the greatest emphasis on education the world has ever known.

Baptists, as well as other groups, believe that to develop an individual mentally and physically without helping that person to develop spiritually is to develop a warped and distorted personality whose power to do harm to society is greatly multiplied by his or her educational advantages.

Today in North Carolina Baptists have seven colleges; five junior and two senior. They are: Mars Hill, Campbell, Chowan, Wingate and Gardner-Webb junior colleges, also Wake Forest and Meredith senior colleges. These schools are filled to capacity and most of them are expanding their facilities to care for the continued increase. They

have been and are doing a good job. Lets help them to do even a better job in the future by supporting them with our means and our prayers and sending our young people to them instead of to state and other denominational schools.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. Bumgarner.

The Moderator recognized visitors.

Song: "Bringing in the Sheaves" led by Bro. Good.

A. C. Payne read and discussed the report on Temperance. T. L. Blalock was recognized and spoke on the subject. The report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Temperance is a comprehensive term, which applies to all the activities of man, however a more frequent use of the word applies to alcoholic beverages. For centuries past and to come the same application will be made. Some one has said that "it is important to keep intoxicants away from people, but it is more important to keep people away from intoxicants". This statement is fine, and good, but we have to work from both angles if we are to accomplish greatest results.

Coming nearer home we wish to congratulate the dry forces in Alexander County for the good work and result accomplished in the beer election on the 28th day of August, 1948, the returns from that election show 319 votes for, and 2741 against the sale of beer in Alexander County. According to the record thirty-one counties have decided the beer-wine issue in elections since February, 1948. The drys have won every county-wide referendum. Thirty-four counties are now completely dry, 38 permit wine-beer sales only, 27 have legal liquor stores and beer-wine sales. In our opinion a goodly number of these 27 counties would vote against the sale of all intoxicants if given a chance, and we trust that will be given them. It is our further belief that if the people of this nation would realize that there is a dark and gloomy picture hanging about many of its favorite and glorious institutions today, they would be willing to do away with all intoxicating beverages, and other forms of intemperance and live a moral, sober life, and take God through Christ as their leader, they would be enabled to see the light that leads to the making of a better world.

"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame

them! And the harp and the lute, the tabret and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of Jehovah, neither have they considered the operation of his hands."—Isaiah 5:11-12.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Payne.

Miss Lucy Thompson gave the report on Baptist Training Union. Discussion was led by Bro. Shoe from the standpoint of the town, Bro. Lail from the standpoint of the country church, A. B. Bumgarner gave a personal testimony, and Bro. Blalock spoke from the standpoint of the independent church not affiliated with the State Convention. There was a discussion by Bro. Shoe challenging any scriptural grounds for an independent Baptist Church. "They are interdependent!"

TRAINING UNION REPORT

We are happy to report the addition of two new Training Unions in Mt. Herman and Smyrna churches. These with East Taylorsville, Liledoun, Stony Point and Taylorsville, First, bring our number in 1949 to six with a total membership of 372 as compared to only three in 1945.

However, thirty-one of our churches stand unlighted at the Training Union hour on Sunday night. Where are the Baptists of this Association when most of our churches stand dark and unused? Are they in the lighted picture shows or some roadside place of questionable reputation? Are they simply staying home in an easy chair while they listen to the radio? Who will answer Christ's call to light these churches with a training program of daily Bible reading and prayer, local missionary work, study of doctrines, missions, home life and the training of youth? Those who will answer this call will find they have a part in a glorious work of helping others and growing in the knowledge of Christ Jesus. "The Master is come and calleth for thee." What answer will you and your church make?

The Training Union with its years of glorious transformation of indifferent church members into zealous, loyal and devoted Christians needs no defense. Thousands rise to proclaim the blessings of this second mile opportunity for Christian service. This Bible centered work belongs in every Baptist church for we say we are the People of the Book. Baptists who have studied their Bibles daily, understand the doctrines of our denomination and know how our world-wide program for winning the lost is carried on will not become followers of Catholicism or any of the other isms that threaten us. With propaganda and untruth pouring upon us from every side, we need the Training Union to help us know the truth and follow it.

Any church wishing to light its windows for Christ will be helped gladly by any associational Training Union officer or any of the churches that now have Training Unions. We plan to make an all-out effort to extend and strengthen our Training Union work in Alexander Association this summer. Join with us in this work to claim all our church members for Christ and His service.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Thompson

Mr. Quez Frye spoke on the B. T. U. from the standpoint that a half or one-fourth time church to have services every Sunday A. M. and P. M. The report was adopted.

The committee on time, place, and preacher brought its report which was adopted.

The Moderator was given the prerogative to name Bro. Harvey White as Sunday School Superintendent; also to appoint a representative for the Baptist Hospital and Orphanage. Appointment to be made later.

The Nominating Committee recommended:

A. B. Bumgarner, Moderator
W. C. Grose, Vice Moderator
W. W. Harrington, Clerk

These were duly elected.

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters was discharged by vote of the Assembly.

The Association adjourned until 1:15.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At the opening of the afternoon session "Amazing Grace" was led by Bro. Good.

Bro. J. A. Webster led the devotion quoting John 14:1-6, and leading in prayer.

In the absence of Rev. B. F. Peeler, A. E. Watts moved and the Association voted to omit the item on Evangelism and take up whatever business might come before the Association.

The Moderator stated that the Association owed Rev. J. H. Weaver, associational missionary, about $400 to $500 and appealed to the churches to raise the money in the name of the Association. A. C. Payne appealed to delegates to go back home and raise part of the money. Rev. A. E. Watts offered to pay 1/20 of the amount. Quez Frye moved that the Association approve the move that the churches raise the money.

The clerk, W. W. Harrington, offered his resignation, which was accepted. Rev. E. C. Shoe nominated H. L. Good. Mr. Good being unable to serve, the nomination was withdrawn. A. C. Payne moved that the outgoing Moderator be authorized to obtain a clerk. E. C. Shoe nominated Wayne Austin, providing Bro. Austin cannot serve that the executive committee be empowered to select the clerk. Mr. Austin was elected.

The Association rose and sang, "I Am Thine, O Lord".

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner brought the report on "Distinctive Baptist Doctrines":

Baptist Doctrines are Scriptural.

Deity of Christ

Supremacy of the Scriptures

God the Author

Written by Inspired Men

A person Devil

"The Lordship of Jesus Christ"

"Regeneration and New Birth"

"Baptism by Emersion"
death, burial, resurrection of Christ; death to old life, buried with Christ, raised to a new life.

"The Lord's Supper"
simple of body and blood of Christ; shows Christ's death and resurrection until He comes.

"Equality of Believers"
no dictatorship.

"Eternal Separation of Church and State"

"Render unto Caesar and To God"

The Association was dismissed by Rev. E. C. Shoe.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Since every good and perfect gift is from above, "and cometh down from the Father"—Therefore be it resolved:

That, we register our thanks to God for another year of Blessings and Mercy, and for the beautiful and lovely weather for our 62nd Session of the Alexander Baptist Association.

That, we record our most hearty thanks to Antioch and Hiddenite Churches for their open doors and gracious hospitality, for their friendly spirit and well-provided tables, around which we lingered in Christian fellowship until each could say "I want no more."

That, we invoke the Blessings of the Heavenly Father upon every church and our needy world until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe
C. J. Poole

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Alexander Baptist Association met with East Taylorsville Church, April 14, 1949 with 46 members and 4 visitors representing 4 churches.

During the business session officers were elected for the coming year, and favorable reports were given by the chairman of the several committees.

Miss Irene Chambers, our Field Representative, gave an interesting message on "That the World May Know Him". Showing us how our Mission Chain reaches around the world; and that each link of this chain depends on someone's mission offering.

Mrs. Waeaster, our State Worker, gave a wonderful message on "The Urgency of Making Him Known". Impressing on everyone's mind that "We'd better make our gifts according to our income, or God might make our income according to our gifts". Last year's statistics show that Southern Baptists gave 74 cents per member to Missions. We asked ourselves Am I an average member?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bryan Matlock, Secretary.

In Memoriam

Antioch—Mr. Robert S. Austin, Sr., Deacon.

Bethany—Mrs. W. E. Hendren

Bethlehem—Mr. Roland Cline, Mr. Ellis Bentley

Concord—Mrs. Ida Rector, Mrs. M. A. Pierce

Damascus—Mr. R. D. Goodin.

Gays Chapel—Mrs. H. T. Cloer, Miss Martha Starrette.

Island Ford—Mrs. J. H. Byers, Mr. Dewey Vernon Fox.

Linneys Grove—Mrs. Belle Gwaltney, Mr. Walter McLain.

Macedonia—Mrs. Mary Warren, Mr. John W. Fincannon.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. Abbie Kerley Deal.

Pilgrim—Mr. Walter McLain, Mrs. Jane Mayberry.

Pleasant Grove—Miss Eula Teague.

Poplar Springs—Miss Sarah Camilla Chapman.

Rocky Face—Mr. Ed Parker.

Stony Point—Mrs. Daniel Gryder, Charter Member.

Taylorsville First—Mr. Anderson Price.

Taylorsville East—Mrs. J. W. Gant.

Taylor Springs—Mrs. Amedia Williams.

Three Forks—Mrs. Ellen Watts, Mrs. Dezzie Thomas.

STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Association ALEXANDER State NORTH CAROLINA

For Year Ending (Month) September 19

Clerk W. W. Harrington Address Taylorsville, N. C.

Moderator E. V. Bumgarner Address Taylorsville, N. C.

	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Church Library
Antioch	O C	1826	1,3	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville	14	1	21	322	49	371	1	15	yes	no
Bethany	O C	1892	3	L. T. Younger, New Hope	5	3	6	129	54	191	1	..	no	no
Bethel	O C	1800	1,3	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	4	3	5	....	...	229	1	..	no	no
Bethlehem	O C	1888	1,3	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	18	3	2	276	48	324	1	..	no	no
Beulah	T	1916	all	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	...	...	...	....	...	65	..	..	no	no
Calvary	T	1945	2,4	J. G. Caldwell, No. Wilkesboro	5	15	4	25	1	26	2	..	no	no
Concord	O C	1852	1,3	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	1	...	...	....	...	243	1	..	no	no
Damascus	O C	1839	1,3	C. J. Poole, Moravian Falls	8	...	11	129	47	176	1	..	no	no
Dover	O C	1833	2,4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	...	1	10	....	...	150	1	..	no	no
Fairview	O C	1922	3	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt 5	9	3	4	....	...	136	2	..	no	no
Gay's Chapel	O C	1885	1,3	D. C. Thompson, New Hope	19	6	3	107	25	132	1	..	no	no
Hiddenite	T	1915	1,3,4	H. L. Good, Stony Point	10	2	7	....	...	168	1	..	yes	yes
Island Ford	O C	1943	1,3	Grover Blankenship, Hiddenite	5	4	4	12	19	31	1	..	no	yes
Lebanon	O C	1884	.....	S. J. Watts, Boomer	...	...	...	....	...	.....	..	..	no	no
Liledoun	V	1909	2,4	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	21	8	4	225	60	285	1	..	no	no
Linney's Grove	O C	1895	2	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2	10	1	5	125	27	152	1	..	no	no
Little River	O C	1792	.....	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	...	6	4	96	53	149	..	..	no	no
Macedonia	O C	1855	2	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	2	2	8	....	...	150	1	..	no	no
Millersville	V	1923	1,3	Jaffie Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt 3	15	...	...	....	...	108	1	..	no	no
Mt. Habron	O C	1915	1,3	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	6	3	2	....	...	181	1	..	no	no
Mt. Herman	O C	1912	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	...	2	3	158	75	233	1	..	no	yes
Mt. Nebo	O C	1907	.....	.....	...	...	...	....	...	.....	..	..	no	no
Mt. Olive	O C	1865	2,4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, R 2	...	...	7	121	28	149	1	..	no	no
Oxford Memorial	O C	1942	2,4	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville	4	2	2	....	...	81	1	..	no	no
Pilgrim	O C	1835	.....	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	11	...	6	....	...	245	1	..	no	no
Pleasant Grove	O C	1852	2	.....	16	6	2	....	...	142	2	..	no	no
Pleasant Hill	O C	1900	1,3	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	8	2	6	167	44	211	1	..	no	no
Poplar Springs	O C	1872	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	2	1	4	....	...	184	1	..	no	no
Rocky Creek	O C	1940	2,4	C. J. Poole, Wilkesboro, Rt 1	...	...	1	36	11	47	1	..	no	no
Rocky Face	O C	1946	2,4	Grover Blankenship, Hiddenite	2	...	2	....	...	46	1	..	no	no
Smyrna	O C	1923	all	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville	6	1	...	111	0	111	2	..	yes	no
Stony Point	T	1909	all	H. L. Good, Stony Point	32	3	7	323	75	398	1	40	no	yes
Sulphur Springs	O C	1867	.....	.....	...	...	...	....	...	.....	..	..	no	no
Taylorsville 1st	T	1851	all	E. C. Shue, Taylorsville	13	10	15	322	108	430	1	35	yes	yes
Taylorsville East	T	1924	all	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	26	32	3	343	66	409	1	..	no	no
Taylor Springs	O C	1852	1	G. D. White, Statesville, Rt 5	3	2	6	203	69	272	1	..	no	no
Three Forks	O C	1857	.....	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2	10	2	13	....	...	365	1	2	no	no
White Plains	O C	1912	.....	.....	...	...	...	....	...	.....	..	..	no	no
TOTALS	...	....	.....	.....	295	124	187	3060	859	11919	36	87	...	...

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers not counted Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2	..	28	20	30	36	30	15	101	..	..	260	144	100	93
Bethany	Wayne Hendren, Pores Knob	..	..	...	8	...	...	20	16	..	..	72	30	36	30
Bethel	Gilbert Sloan, Hiddenite	..	..	20	25	...	11	29	12	..	..	97	64	...	...
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls	..	..	...	12	15	20	25	30	..	..	119	102	...	...
Beulah	Earnest James, Taylorsville	..	..	22	...	10	12	30	11	..	..	85	60	...	...
Calvary	W. R. Tevepaugh, Taylorsville	..	..	7	8	8	6	...	21	..	..	50	35	36	28
Concord	Lester Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 3	..	..	...	10	...	20	...	20	..	5	55	35	...	...
Damascus	R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt 2	..	..	2	3	6	4	8	14	..	..	39	28	...	...
Dover	Anna Mae Pennell, Taylorsville	..	..	13	...	10	15	...	15	..	..	53	40	...	...
Fairview	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt 1	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	135	80	...	...
Gay's Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, Rt 1	13	..	17	...	20	...	23	44	..	..	122	79	...	...
Hiddenite	L. T. Gooden, Hiddenite	..	9	9	13	9	15	12	25	7	2	127	101	93	84
Island Ford	A. V. Byers, Statesville, Rt 6	..	..	15	...	...	10	...	20	..	3	48	25	...	...
Lebanon	.....	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	....	....	...	...
Liledoun	J. W. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 1	..	..	26	23	30	32	38	77	..	..	203	158	...	...
Linney's Grove	S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	..	..	...	...	13	33	12	21	..	..	79	59	...	...
Little River	Ralph Walker, Taylorsville, Rt 2	3	..	17	...	18	16	22	26	..	..	102	55	54	52
Macedonia	.....	..	..	15	...	15	14	9	37	..	..	90	60	...	...
Millersville	Mrs. Foye Icenhour, Taylorsville	..	..	10	...	12	17	...	26	..	..	65	45	...	...
Mt. Hebron	Gaither Wike, Pores Knob	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	85	70	...	...
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	..	..	16	16	20	25	34	24	..	..	135	113	67	62
Mt. Nebo	.....	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	....	....	...	...
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal, Pores Knob	..	..	6	...	6	6	7	25	..	..	50	40	...	...
Oxford Memorial	J. C. Pennell, Taylorsville	..	..	9	14	14	16	17	22	..	..	92	55	...	...
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope	..	..	15	8	5	9	50	59	..	2	156	95	...	...
Pleasant Grove	Paul Levan, Statesville, Rt 2	..	..	22	7	...	16	...	52	..	8	105	65	...	...
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Burke, Taylorsville, Rt 3	..	..	16	...	17	...	13	32	..	6	84	50	...	...
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, Taylorsville	..	..	...	18	11	16	...	30	..	..	100	60	...	...
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	..	..	5	...	8	...	...	5	..	..	37	18	...	...
Rocky Face	Tommie Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt 3	..	..	8	...	12	...	...	20	..	..	40	25	...	...
Smyrna	Earl Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2	3	..	7	4	5	4	10	20	..	..	59	50	50	39
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt 7	..	26	15	25	35	24	23	104	..	16	268	186	139	101
Sulphur Springs	.....	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	....	....	...	...
Taylorsville 1st	D. C. Campbell, Taylorsville	..	24	20	25	26	31	36	120	..	2	283	145	115	90
Taylorsville East	Howard Deal, Taylorsville	..	12	13	17	36	28	16	53	..	5	183	133	135	86
Taylor Springs	Dean Redmond, New Hope	..	..	14	...	7	11	29	24	..	..	85	55	...	...
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	..	..	32	...	12	19	16	65	26	7	177	110	...	...
White Plaints	.....	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	....	....	...	...
TOTALS	.....	19	99	399	266	416	460	504	1092	31	56	3341	2440	825	625

TABLE III. CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville	Funds on Hand Beginning of Year	Total Gifts recorded all offerings and organizations	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Other Salaries	Maintenance Church Property	New Buildings	Literature, Song Book, etc.	Local Mission and Benevolences	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenditures
Antioch	Earl Cline, Taylorsville	867.15	5075.45	600.00	.....	203.00	2853.41	239.68	.....	133.28	.....	421.00	4450.37
Bethany	J. D. Costner, Pores Knob	.....	.....	442.94	.....	82.05	.....	.....	.....	90.00	.....	.....	614.99
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	478.97	1037.32	217.10	.....	58.00	.....	.....	.....	85.10	355.00	150.17	865.37
Bathelehem	Arthur Bowman, Hickory, Rt 2	.....	.....	1407.80	.....	.....	8200.00	93.59	89.30	100.00	.....	61.00	9750.61
Beulah	Robert Settlemyer, Taylorsville	370.23	412.54	575.37	60.00	.....	829.04	45.37	.....	49.37	.....	107.11	1666.26
Calvary	Mrs. J. J. Watts, Taylorsville	210.00	400.00	150.00	.....	15.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	215.00
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	.....	.....	471.90	.....	20.00	.....	40.00	.....	107.00	.....	40.00	678.90
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville	309.32	979.05	588.44	.....	18.00	.....	25.75	47.55	125.00	.....	.....	804.24
Dover	Gaynall Pennell, Taylorsville	.....	.....	475.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	515.65
Fairview	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	.....	.....	436.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	225.71	.....	.....	711.72
Gay's Chapel	A. G. Starette, Statesville	166.55	504.57	423.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.33	125.00	.....	.....	572.78
Hiddanite	Blaine Campbell, Hiddenite	35.62	3038.70	1127.21	.....	.....	313.10	221.53	117.83	125.00	.....	290.00	2194.67
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville	5.00	43.96	.....	.....	7.00	.....	9.36	.....	18.00	.....	9.60	43.96
Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liladoun	A. C. Fox, Tsylorsville	.....	20000.00	964.16	.....	.....	20000.00	200.00	.....	134.38	.....	.....	21298.54
Linney's Grove	L. A. Childers, Hiddenite	.....	.....	356.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.00	76.85	.....	.....	450.75
Little River	W. C. Childers, Taylorsville	1146.09	656.59	396.40	75.00	.....	2993.48	50.00	10.00	.....	200.00	104,00	3828.88
Macadonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	.....	.....	438.93	.....	.....	.....	32.00	36.25	121.00	.....	10.00	638.18
Millersville	Mrs. Jack Carrigan, Taylorsville	.....	.....	275.00	11.50	45.10	.....	56.63	.....	84.00	.....	7.50	369.73
Mt. Habron	S. G. Wike, Poras Knob	.....	.....	625.28	.....	.....	.....	32.00	.....	64.00	.....	224.60	945.88
Mt. Hermon	W. D. Johnson, Taylorsville	601.34	1946.63	1153.00	.....	62.21	.....	178.94	.....	86.71	.....	72.81	553.67
Mt. Nabo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	B. J. Deal, Pores Knob	22.09	60.00	445.09	.....	.....	.....	48.23	.....	93.35	.....	51.35	638.02
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. J. C. Blair, Taylorsville	.....	.....	355.35	.....	24.00	.....	74.90	121.14	60.00	.....	19.00	454.39
Pilgrim	Wade Connolly, New Hope	1172.53	1337.76	241.91	.....	68.24	2002.00	17.74	.....	75.02	.....	.....	2404.91
Pleasant Grove	D. L. Sherrill, Statesville	.....	.....	485.72	.....	.....	.....	25.20	.....	116.00	.....	37.80	664.72
Pleasant Hill	Fred Harrington, Taylorsville	76.43	582.91	343.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126.90	.....	.....	470.84
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville	472.23	.....	714.42	.....	.....	.....	35.00	135.24	109.65	.....	204.14	1198.45
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	17.25	150.05	96.85	.....	.....	.....	6.90	.....	38.80	.....	.....	142.55
Rocky Face	D. M. Walker, Taylorsville	.....	.....	49.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00	.....	19.00	.....	.....	86.00
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Parkins, Conover	1438.79	2079.96	252.00	34.82	698.68	.....	164.35	.....	218.73	.....	1477.30	2842.88
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	900.00	9188.51	3120.00	188.00	1514.70	.....	461.16	101.71	194.53	.....	213.71	5793.81
Sulphur Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylorsville 1st	Durant Adams, Taylorsville	.....	.....	3055.03	629.20	138.96	4498.47	360.47	175.55	120.00	.....	3437.72	7916.93
Taylorsville East	R. W. Meredith, Taylorsville	1279.11	1389.79	3510.00	.....	290.57	10304.25	394.16	244.29	309.09	.....	67.51	15119.87
Taylor Springs	Carolyn Williams, New Hope	123.00	98.30	396.98	.....	10.00	230.00	48.00	.....	85.00	.....	25.93	795.91
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	.....	.....	1173.74	.....	.....	.....	35.00	.....	151.00	.....	936.48	2295.22
White Plains	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS	.....	9691.70	48262.09	25365.05	998.52	50980.79	52223.75	3013.96	1119.19	3507.47	555.00	7968.73	91994.65

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total Gifts for all purposes	Balance All Funds
Antioch	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	116.55	7.00	16.67	34.26	16.30	17.39	46.00	88.98	.....	343.15	4783.52	1179.08
Bethany	J. D. Costner, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.96	19.00	.....	169.96	784.95	124.35
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	85.14	19.61	.....	50.96	16.28	.....	176.46	1041.83	478.97
Bethlehem	R. L. Teague, Taylorsville	.....	47.05	.....	.....	62.52	.....	122.52	.....	26.15	258.28	10009.89	.....
Beulah	Mrs. Sam V. Davis, Taylorsvilla	63.42	5.98	7.55	.....	.....	.....	28.28	10.05	34.36	149.64	1815.90	116.00
Calvary	Mrs. Earnest Webster, Taylorsvilla	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215.00	.....
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	.....	.....	.....	5.60	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	15.60	694.50	.....
Damascus	Miss Maggie McLain, Statesville	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.77	.....	99.36	29.68	.....	174.81	979.05	309.32
Dover	Miss Joyce Mooney, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.60	.....	30.60	456.25	.....
Fairview	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.40	.....	95.60	20.64	100.36	252.00	963.72	.....
Gay's Chapel	G. L. Deal, Statesville, Rt 1	.....	15.00	.....	.....	18.34	.....	33.62	.....	.....	66.96	639.74	176.41
Hiddenite	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite	8.00	.....	76.72	269.89	21.34	.....	384.24	76.65	.....	800.84	2895.51	78.81
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Statesville, Rt 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.96	.....
Lebanon		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liladoun	Pleas Jenkins, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21298.54	.....
Linney's Grove	S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	.....	17.00	.....	.....	4.49	.....	17.15	16.25	.....	54.89	488.12	.....
Little River	Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Taylorsvilla	5.38	.....	25.00	11.65	11.00	.....	30.00	9.30	.....	92.33	3921.41	30.00
Macedonia	W. P. Smith, Taylorsvilla	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72.73	25.00	.....	97.73	735.91	.....
Millersville	C. S. Hampton, Taylorsvilla	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	10.00	.....	25.00	394.73	.....
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	12.00	947.88	.....
Mt. Harmon	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	169.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85.31	91.41	.....	346.11	1899.78	46.85
Mt. Nebo		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	S. C. Deal, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.59	56.00	.....	101.59	739.61	25.75
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. G. R. Reid, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	5.00	16.73	.....	146.14	500.75	46.36
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	7.00	2411.91	201.87
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	.....	.....	.....	.....	186.71	.....	32.32	34.11	.....	253.14	917.86	.....
Pleasant Hill	Homer Daniels, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.78	.....	.....	24.78	.....	74.36	582.91	76.43
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsvilla	.....	5.20	.....	.....	40.72	.....	116.23	19.00	.....	181.15	1379.60	491.97
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hawn, Pores Knob	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.29	4.00	.....	8.29	150.84	16.46
Rocky Face	Crowson Wike, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	7.00	93.00	.....
Smyrna	Samuel Teague, Taylorsville	128.00	.....	10.00	4.20	4.14	21.36	126.38	18.00	.....	184.08	3154.66	461.09
Stony Point	Vance Stikelaather, Hiddenite	420.00	114.00	165.00	125.48	340.22	.....	520.00	70.00	40.00	1794.70	7588.51	1600.00
Sulphur Springs		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylorsville 1st	R. L. Moose, Taylorsville	665.00	178.00	79.01	80.97	173.65	42.31	421.88	176.30	1312.99	3130.11	.....	.....
Taylorsville East	Mrs. Ruby Austin, Taylorsville	12.00	.....	62.23	45.24	162.00	65.11	294.60	22.06	46.96	710.20	15830.07	839.83
Taylor Springs	J. C. Younger, New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.00	.....	33.28	38.02	.....	98.30	822.91	123.00
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsvilla	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.58	.....	150.00	46.60	.....	225.10	2295.22	2580.32
White Plains		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals		1588.74	390.37	417.43	662.43	1247.57	146.17	2952.30	977.80	1560.82	10032.52	97075.52	5080.87

TABLE V. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Story Hours	Junior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Young Peoples Unions	Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Liledoun.....	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville.	1	1	1	.	1	4	..	12	21	19	14	. .	66	45
Mt. Herman.....	Kenneth Kerley, Taylorsville.	.	1	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Smyrna.....	Foye Teague, Taylorsville....	1	1	.	1	1	4	15	14	..	17	14	. .	60	30
Stony Point.....	Phil Alexander, Stony Point..	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	15	10	13	6	. .	60	45
Taylorsville 1st..	Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville..	.	1	1	1	.	3	..	15	16	..	18	2	51	38
Taylorsville East.	Frank Watson, Taylorsville...	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	10	11	5	20	4	60	50
TOTALS.....	.....	4	6	5	5	5	25	35	66	58	54	72	6	297	198

TABLE VI. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Hiddenite.....	Mrs. Leach Gooden, Hiddenite.....	2	1	1	.	.	4	39	18	10	..	..	67	..	6
Stony Point.....	Mrs. J. D. Beaver, Hiddenite, Rt 2.	2	1	2	.	1	6	37	20	40	..	38	135	..	20
Taylorsville, 1st.	Mrs. Henkel Mills, Taylorsville....	1	1	2	1	1	6	85	10	28	10	22	155	78	35
Taylorsville East.	Mrs. Dessie Meredith, Taylorsville.	1	1	.	.	.	2	26	5	..	..	..	31	3	19
TOTALS.....	.....	6	4	5	1	2	18	187	53	78	10	60	388	81	80

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antloch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White,	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Ollve	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Pool	W. E. White	T. A Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Spring	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	E. S Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1905	Antloch	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	J. J H. Pool
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1908	Concord	W. E. Lonney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Ollve	D. W. Pool	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mount Hermon	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918				
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antloch		J. L. Gwaltney	W. E. White
1927	Mt. Ollve	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	C. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	Taylorsville, East.	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antloch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville 1st	Homer L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus Three Forks	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
1947	Taylorsville, East. Taylor Springs	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
1948	Poplar Springs Bethel	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
1949	Antioch Hiddenite	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington

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List of Messengers

ANTIOCH—V. W. Teague, Raymond Crouch, Mrs. John Teague, Mrs. Willie Pennel.

BETHANY—J. D. Costner, Max Hendren, Edd Hendren.

BETHLEHEM—F. B. Wagner, Lester Ross, R. L. Teague.

BEULAH—Escar Bowman, Henry McDuffie, Earnest James, Robert Settlemyre.

CALVARY—Rev. J. G. Cardwell, Ralph Tevepaugh, Wade Tedder, Rev. Barney Grant, Rev. J. A. Webster.

DAMASCUS—T. Burke Johnson, Ralph A. Wilson, Mrs. Dorothy King.

DOVER—Edd Mooney, Byrd Pennel, Fred Pennel.

HIDDENITE—Mrs. Ethel Pedings, Mrs. M. L. Kerley, R. L. Grant.

ISLAND FORD—J. H. Byers, A. V. Byers.

LEBANON—C. D. Poole, Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Harold Fortner.

LILEDOUN—Pleas Jenkins, C. A. Smith, E. M. Jenkins.

LINNEY'S GROVE—S. D. Gwaltney, Lee Childers, Pleas McLain.

LITTLE RIVER—Turner Walker, D. L. Orren, Lindsay Brown, Charlie Harrington.

MACEDONIA—W. P. Smith, Charlie Fox, D. A. Carrigan.

MILLERSVILLE—Ben Thompson, G. S. Hampton, Mrs. G. S. Hampton.

MT. HERMAN—P. E. Johnson, Fitz Blair, Flake Dyson.

MT. OLIVE—S. C. Deal, H. F. Lowe, D. E. Davis.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mrs. Ward Pennel, Mrs. Effie Caldwell, Mrs. Rex Reid.

PILGRIM—Paul Mayberry, J. H. Miller, Jr., L. C. Millsaps.

PLEASANT HILL—Sam Wike, Rueben Barnes, Henry Burke.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Butler Chapman, Russell Walker.

ROCKY CREEK—W. G. Johnson, Jim Adams, Gean Fletcher, Hubert Hawn.

ROCKY FACE—O. A. Mitchell, Miller Walker.

SMYRNA—Earl Teague, Perry Teague, Mrs. Paul Teague, Everette Teague, Q. L. Frye.

STONY POINT—W. C. Groce, C. W. Combs, Mrs. Clyde Combs, Mrs. Emmet Smith, Mrs. J. P. Watts.

TAYLORSVILLE FIRST—Charles E. Echerd, Mrs. Rom Teague, Mrs. Harry Deal.

TAYLORSVILLE EAST—Mrs. Lonzo Davis, Mrs. J. M. Barnes, Mrs. Butler Chapman.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Membership

ARTICLE III. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

Powers and Prerogatives

ARTICLE IV. The Association may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

ARTICLE V. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advice when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans for usefulness to be adopted.

ARTICLE VI. The expense of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

Government

ARTICLE VIII. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

ARTICLE X. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the last day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

ARTICLE XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

ARTICLE XIV. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

ARTICLE XV. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, appoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

ARTICLE XVI. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

ARTICLE XVII. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon.

ARTICLE XVIII. It shall be the duty of the program committee to prepare and publish a program for each annual session, consisting of a list of subjects or questions, and assign the same to speakers for discussion not less than thirty days prior to each annual meeting of the association.

ARTICLE XIX. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

ARTICLE XX. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolutions of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

ARTICLE XXI. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian, and chairman of the committee on nominations, shall form an executive board for the supervision of the work and the business of the association between sessions.

ARTICLE XXII. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCHES

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which made up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the local Church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and cooperative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual session at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, named a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (with the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give council and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has indorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943 name a committee of pastors and deacons to sit in council with a sister church in a matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of the denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to cooperate in the Faith and work "Once and for all delivered unto the saints."

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe.

Officers and Committees

OFFICERS

Moderator, H. L. Good.....Stony Point, N. C.
Vice-Moderator, J. R. Lail.....Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk-Treasurer, J. L. Wells.....Hiddenite, N. C.
Historian, Charles E. Echerd.....Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Supt., A. B. Bumgarner.....Taylorsville, N. C.
B. T. U. Director, Miss Lucy Thompson.....Taylorsville, N. C.
W. M. U. Supt., Mrs. U. L. Hafer.....Taylorsville, N. C.
Hospital Representative, A. E. Watts.....Taylorsville, N. C.
Orphanage Representative, Jeffie Daniels.....Taylorsville, N. C.
Religious Literature Representative, A. C. Payne.....Taylorsville, N. C.

COMMITTEES

Nomination: James W. Teague, R. N. Sloan, Vance Teague.
Digest of Church Letters: Charles E. Echerd, N. R. Martin, G. S. Hampton.
Resolutions: H. L. Good, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Mrs. Ward Pennell.
Program: James R. Lail, Mrs. Elizabeth Gwaltney, A. C. Payne.
Application for Membership in Association: John L. Wells, Jeffie Daniels, W. O. Johnson.
Time, Place, and Preacher: J. A. Icenhour, Wade Rogers, Kenneth Kerley.

VISITORS

Howard J. Ford, Elkin; Wendell Davis, Statesville; H. F. Grose, South Yadkin; Dr. C. C. Burris, Wingate College; Mrs. Mabel Starnes, Gardner-Webb College; Dr. E. L. Spivy, State Mission Board, Raleigh; C. W. Bazemore, Biblical Recorder, Raleigh; J. O. Walton, Mills Home; Dr. Richard K. Young, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; J. S. Potter, Statesville; T. L. Blaylock, Mt. Pleasant; Students, Gardner-Webb College; Students, Wingate College; Bro. Lee, Mars Hill College.

Church Directory

ANTIOCH—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Taylorsville R. 2; Clerk, V. W. Teague, Taylorsville R. 2; S. S. Supt., W. R. Austin, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Earl Cline, Rhodehiss.

BETHANY—Pastor, L. T. Younger, New Hope; Clerk-Treasurer, J. D. Costner, Pores Knob; S. S. Supt., Wayne Hendren, Pores Knob R. 1.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk, R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville R. 2; Treasurer, Arthur Bowman, Hickory R. 3; S. S. Supt., Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls R. 1.

BEULAH—Clerk, Mrs. Escar Bowman, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Miss Bertha Vickers, Taylorsville.

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Proceedings

Sixty-Third Annual Session

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 4th and 5th, 1950.

The 63rd Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association was held with Liledoun and Mt. Herman Baptist Churches on October 4th and 5th, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. B. Bumgarner.

Q. L. Frye led the congregation in a song, after which the Moderator asked W. C. Grose to serve as clerk in the absence of Bro. Wayne Austin.

The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. G. Cardwell, who read from Ephesians 4 and led in prayer.

Upon a motion by A. C. Payne, the following program and order of business was adopted.

PROGRAM

The Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Alexander Association of Baptist, meeting with Liledoun Baptist Church, October 4, 1950 and Mt. Herman Baptist Church, October 5, 1950.

Wednesday, A. M., October 4, 1950

10:00 Praise and Prayer.....R. C. Loyd
10:15 Roll Call of Churches, Recognition of Visitors, Adoption of Program, Appointment of Committees.
10:35 Presentation of 1951 Evangelistic Crusade.....Wendell Davis
11:05 Report of B. T. U.....Miss Lucy Thompson
11:20 Miscellaneous Business and Announcements
11:25 Worship In Song
11:30 Annual Sermon:
Reading of Scriptures.....J. R. Lail
Sermon.....J. A. Icenhour
RECESS

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Praise and Prayer.....B. F. Peeler
1:45 Report on Vacation Bible School.....A. E. Watts
2:00 Report on W. M. U.....Mrs. Deal
2:15 Address on Cooperative Program.....M. A. Huggins
2:45 Worship in Song
2:50 Report of Committees
Election of Officers

Thursday, A. M., October 5, 1950

10:00 Praise and Prayer.....G. D. White
10:15 Report on Christian Education.....J. R. Lail
10:35 Report on Hospital.....John Wells
11:05 Report on Sunday School.....E. V. Bumgarner
11:25 Miscellaneous Business and Announcements
11:30 Worship In Song
11:35 Doctrinal Sermon.....E. C. Shoe
RECESS

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Praise and Prayer.....Wade Rogers
1:45 Orphanage Report.....Jeffie Daniels
2:05 Report on Christian Literature.....A. C. Payne
2:25 Report on Temperance.....W. O. Johnston
2:40 Miscellaneous Business
2:50 Worship In Song
Message on "Youth Faces Tomorrow".....Rev. James S. Potter
Pastor First Baptist Church

Visitors—All from South Yadkin: H. Ford, W. Davis. H. F. Grose, Oxford.

Rev. Cardwell, pastor of Calvary Church had the prayer and praise in place of Rev. Loyd. He read Ephesians 4:?

Visitors, whose names appear elsewhere, were recognized by the Moderator, and all new pastors of the Association were introduced.

The proper committees were appointed by the Moderator. The committees appear in the proper place.

The next order of business was taken and Rev. H. L. Good presented Rev. Wendell Davis of the Western Avenue Baptist Church of Statesville, who gave a splendid presentation of the 1951 Evangelistic Crusade. After this fine presentation the Association voted to go on record as supporting whole-heartedly the Evangelistic Crusade which includes simultaneous revival efforts in the churches of the entire eastern section of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following report of the Baptist Training Union was read by Miss Lucy Thompson. A motion was made and duly passed for its adoption.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT.

Our training program, which is the Baptist method of helping Christians know the Lord better and serve him more devotedly, has grown during this year.

Hiddenite church started a Training Union June 1. State Secretary Harvey Gibson brought a group of consecrated and capable young people to our association July 1 for a week. Some of these came back later in the summer. New Training Unions were started at Oxford Memorial, Little River and Pilgrim. The work in the other five churches taking part was strengthened as these came sharing their experiences and Christian faith. Approximately 400 took part in the week and 200 received awards for work well done.

In our December meeting at Liledoun we planned to increase the churches having a training program from six to twelve. We now have 10 churches. We also plan to have at least 226, or double last year's attendance present for our next meeting on December 4, 1950.

As we bring Baptist families into our churches each Sunday night we will know the truth of our 1950 theme: "In Christ Is God's Everlasting Yes." Our world is calling for skilled workers. Surely our Christ needs more believers skilled in Bible knowledge, prayer, witnessing, missionary information and consistent Christian living. The Baptist Training Union offers the way for every Baptist to become a skilled workman for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Thompson.

Mrs. Mabel Starnes of Gardner-Webb College spoke to this report. She made the following observations:

1. Most church leaders come from the Training Union.

2. Eighty percent of preachers come out of Training Unions.

3. Ten churches out of the thirty-eight reported in the Alexander Association last year have a Training Union.

4. The Training Union is the laboratory of the church.

5. The Training Union gives everyone a chance to practice in the church.

The worship in song was rendered by a mixed quartet from Gardner-Webb College.

Rev. J. R. Lail read a passage of Scripture taken from John 13.

Rev. J. A. Icenhour brought the annual sermon on the subject of "Love". He based his thoughts upon John 3:16.

The Association adjourned for lunch and a delicious meal was spread upon tables in the church yard. After the blessing of God was invoked by Rev. E. C. Shoe everyone had an enjoyable meal and season of fellowship.

Afternoon Session—Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1950

The afternoon session was opened by a song led by Q. L. Frye.

Rev. B. F. Peeler gave the devotional, reading Psalm I and led in prayer.

Rev. A. E. Watts brought the following report on the Vacation Bible School. Motion was made and passed for its adoption. Brother Watts spoke to the report, emphasizing the importance of Vacation Bible Schools and the evangelistics opportunities available in such schools.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

To my mind, there is much more to the Vacation Bible School than some of our people think. I have had good schools in all of my three Churches, and, I am sure, that any and all of our Churches could have a Vacation Bible School.

My Plan is this: I ask some capable person to be in charge and then together we secure the needed teachers and equipment. Both equipment and teachers are important. Then I give the go-ahead signal and place most of the responsibility on the leader and teachers. At the Bethlehem Church this year our daily average was eighty. For the first school it might be wise to have some outside help, but, in my own work, I have found that our people will more willingly co-operate when some one in our own Church is in charge.

A Vacation Bible School ties our Children and Young People to the Church, and, therefore, I feel that every Church should make an effort to have one. It was my happy privilege this year to baptize several in each Church who were made to realize, in the Bible School, that they were lost and in need of a Savior.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts.

In the absence of Mrs. U. L. Hafer, Mrs. Deal brought the Report on the W. M. U. Motion was made and passed for its adoption after which Mrs. Deal spoke briefly to the report.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In our Association, we have 38 churches, with only 5 W. M. U. organizations. In our 5 W. M. U.'s, we have 468 members, including our young people.

We are proud of these but we would like so much to see more organizations in our Association, more people sending the light to those in darkness, more people to meet and pray, and to extend God's kingdom throughout the world, and that is just what W. M. U. work is. Some might say, "But women are not supposed to do these things," but as we study our Bibles we find records of women working for our Master. Read Acts 16:13-14. Paul in one of his letters sends greetings to the women who worked with him.

So, dear women, let us organize a W. M. U. and be busy about our Master's business.

I'm sure we will have his smile of approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel Hafer, Pres.,
Assoc. W. M. U.

Special singing was rendered by a duet from Gardner-Webb College, after which Dr. C. C. Burris of Wingate College brought greetings from the College and spoke briefly about the work there.

In the absence of Dr. M. A. Huggins, Dr. E. L. Spivy of the Baptist State Convention brought a most inspiring message on the Cooperative Program. He presented this as a "Plan" rather than a "Program" and pointed out that Jesus had a plan for service after which we might do well to pattern our lives.

A song was led by Bro. Johnson.

The Moderator called for the report of the committees, none of whom were ready except the Nominating Committee.

The following officers were nominated and duly elected:

Moderator.....Rev. H. L. Good

Vice-Moderator.....Rev. J. R. Lail

Clerk-Treas.....Mr. W. C. Grose

Historian.....Mr. Chas. C. Echerd

The Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Herman Baptist Church the following day at 10:00 A. M.

Second Day—Mt. Herman, October 5, 1950

The second day of the Association was opened with the singing of "Draw Me Nearer" led by Q. L. Frye.

Mr. P. E. Johnson of Mt. Herman Church gave the devotional, reading some Scripture and leading in prayer.

The Moderator declared the office of Clerk-Treasurer as vacant and Rev. E. C. Shoe nominated Rev. John L. Wells who was duly elected to serve the remainder of the present session and the following year.

The order of business being followed, Bro. J. R. Lail brought the following report on "Christian Education." A motion was made for its adoption.

Bro. Lee, from Mars Hill College spoke to the report after which the vote was taken and duly passed for the adoption of the same.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

From the time our fore-parents began, from the wilderness of a new land, to carve this great nation of ours, Baptist have been interested in Christian Education. It is an established fact, that this interest on the part of Baptist, is responsible in no small way, for the amazing growth of our nation. We thank God for the part Baptist have had in Christian Education, and rejoice, that today we are in the greatest program of Christion training that we have ever known. Our prayer is that God shall ever bless our efforts as we labor in this great ministry in His name.

Some have sought to bring criticism and charge against state owned institutions of learning, feeling that this is a matter solely for the church and that the government should keep hands off. In this report we offer no criticism nor bring any argument, we are here simply saying that Jesus was a teacher and that His desciples were learners. His, to say the least, is in part a ministry of teaching. Therefore His church is commissioned to carry on and to carry out His work.

There is, as we very well know, three great institutions of learning in our world. There is the home, the church, and the school on its varied levels. We are very well acquainted with the first two, for these are a part of our daily experiences, but the latter is not so well known by many of us, and especially what Baptist are doing in this field. Therefore, we shall deal with this phase of Christian education in this report.

First we look at our Southern Baptist Educational Program and here we see signs of progress:

1. Southern Baptist have three seminaries, one missionary training school, twenty-nine senior colleges, twenty-three junior colleges and seven academies.

2. These schools had a property and endowment value increase in 1949-1950 of Ten Million dollars, making a total property and endowment value of $125,247,836.75.

3. At the present time 50% of our colleges and schools are conducting campaigns for buildings or endowments or for both.

4. Fourteen colleges and schools, including the seminaries and W. M. U. training school are offering graduate courses.

5. Enrollment in these institutions in 1949-1950 totaled 53,082 and out of this enrollment there were 10,133 graduates.

6. Wake Forest property has been sold to the Southern Baptist Convention and a new seminary will open its doors there in 1951. This is a great forward step for Christian Education and will be the greatest spiritual uplift the eastern part of our territory has ever had. Its ministry should soon be felt even in our local churches.

Secondly we look at our North Carolina Program and here too encouragement and advancement meets our gaze:

1. North Carolina Baptist support seven colleges — Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Wingate, Campbell and Chowan and can be justly proud of the work each is doing.

2. These schools are training 5,000 students per year and 4,000 of them come from our Baptist churches and will soon be leaders in every walk of life.

3. Apart from these already mentioned, Baptists have a pastor's school at Fruitland and at Caswell which are helping to train our pastors for a greater ministry.

4. The moving of Wake Forest to Winston-Salem along with the enlargement program is no doubt N. C. Baptist greatest undertaking in the field of Christian Education.

With the fulfillment of this dream we can expect to see the fruit of our labors in every phase of North Carolina life.

We rejoice that N. C. Baptist are on the move in this ministry of teaching and we are sure of ultimate victory because we march in the name of our king, Jesus Christ. Every Baptist in North Carolina can and should have a part in this glorious work. By an increased offering through the Co-operative program. Let me say this as I close: Of all the funds sent to the Raleigh office, designated and undesignated, in this past year, the schools got less than ten cents out of the dollar. Our instiutions for Christian Education are worthy of far better than this from you and me, so let us each go to our churches and urge them to remember these institutions in a special way, for the sake of our state, for the sake of our homes, for the sake of our churches, for the sake of our future and for the sake of Christ in whose name they minister.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Lail.

Rev. John L. Wells brought the report on the North Carolina Baptist Hospital. Motion was made and passed for its adoption.

Dr. Richard K. Young, Chaplain of the Hospital, spoke to the report in a most inspiring manner.

A REPORT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

The answer of North Carolina Baptists to Jesus' teaching is your hospital at Winston-Salem. Perhaps no greater ministry is being performed in any field. Every phase of Jesus' teaching is being faithfully pursued in the enormous work which goes into the endless task of maintaining the high standards of the organization and continuing the operation of such a full ministry. Your hospital is indeed a great institution of Christ.

Brief History

In 1922 the North Carolina Baptist Hospital was incorporated and received its first patient on May 28, 1923. It was originally planned as a 100-bed institution, but in 1942 the hospital was enlarged to a capacity of 260 beds and 55 bassinets. A Nurse's Home, Outpatient Building, new West Wing, and Laundry Building have been added to the original plant.

The Wake Forest Medical School was expanded from a two-year to a four-year medical school and renamed the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College. The medical school was built adjoining the hospital in 1941 and the entire medical education program of the college was moved to Winston-Salem.

The School of Nursing began operation with the opening of the hospital in 1923 and graduated its first class in 1926. Since that time there have been 25 graduating classes which have provided a total of 447 well qualified and trained nurses for the care of the sick. The normal enrollment in the school is about 150 and it is fully approved by the N .C. Board of Nurse Examiners.

There have been added other schools which offer the finest of professional educational in other specialized fields. Some of these are: the School of X-Ray Technology, a School for Nurse Anesthetists, and the School of Laboratory Technology.

All of this is at present situated on a site of eleven acres, located in the Ardmore section of Winston-Salem.

The Department of Religion

The Department of Religion was established in the Baptist Hospital in 1945 for the purpose of providing a definite religious program for the benefit of patients, students, and staff members of the hospital and medical school, and to keep the hospital and the denomination close to each other. This is still the underlying purpose. The work for which this department is responsible includes (1) teaching; (2) preaching; and (3) reaching. The expedition of this work is accomplished in the following manner:

(1) Teaching.

a.—Sunday School classes for patients, hospital visitors and personnel are conducted regularly. A class for young people and adults and one for children are conducted by members of the department and student nurses in cooperation with Ardmore Baptist Church.

b.—Classes for student nurses are conducted by this department. Courses in Bible, Psychology of Nursing, Religious Education, and Marriage and the Family are taught by the chaplain and the student secretary and are a regular part of the nursing school curriculum.

c.—There are conducted courses in Clinical Pastoral Training, which are designed to aid the pastor in the understanding of people and his ministry to them. The chaplain conducts regular courses for ministers and theological students in the hospital and occasional short courses in associational pastor's schools.

(2) Preaching.

a.—God's Word is brought to patients, staff members and students in weekly vesper services. Doctors, nurses, medical students, local ministers and others help the department in the conduction of these worship services

b.—Preaching is done in churches, associations, and other denominational meetings that Baptists may be acquainted with their hospital, and to aid them in the use of the services which are rendered by the institution.

c.—Again preaching is used as a means of encouragement to young men and women that they might enter the field of medical missions. There are now doctors taking advanced training, medical students and nurses who are preparing for this work.

(3) Reaching.

a.—Patients and their families are reached through the personal work of the chaplains. Many professions of faith, rededications, and new life adjustments are the result of such ministry. A chaplain is available 24 hours each day.

b.—Students are reached through organizations which seek to provide opportunities for spiritual growth; forums and discussion groups; prayer and Bible study groups; religious films and recreational activities. Students reach outside the hospital by helping in week-day Bible schools in Negro churches.

c.—This department reaches Baptists throughout North Carolina by furnishing information concerning their hospital. The department is responsible for the annual appeal for the Mother's Day offering which is devoted entirely to the use of sick persons who need it.

As To Figures

An average day at the hospital presents the following:

An average of three babies per day are born at the Baptist Hospital, which makes a total of well over a thousand each year.

About 9 X-Ray treatments are given each day making a year's total of 3,332, plus thousands of X-Rays used for diagnostic purposes.

Incoming mail amounts to 135 pounds per day.

The medical school has graduated 322 doctors since it opened in 1941.

The dietary department serves 1,531 meals per day or 551,136 per year.

It prepares approximately 40 special diets and 40 baby formulas each day.

The daily food bill runs around $555.55 for such items as 80 lbs. of bacon, 60 doz. eggs, 417 qts. of milk, 130 loaves of bread.

An average of 13 operations are performed each day or 5,023 per year.

The bookmobile makes 312 trips per year and circulates 3,600 books and 12,000 magazines.

The pharmacy fills between 50 and 60 prescriptions each day.

The laundry finishes 2,202 pounds of laundry per day including 207 nurses' uniforms.

The emergency room receives 18 visits each day or 6,657 per year.

It takes 500 employees to keep the work of the hospital going each day.

It takes 5½ tons of coal each day.

Last year 9,700 patients were cared for in the hospital and 90,000 visits were made to the clinics for examination and treatments. About half of these were persons with little or no money; they were provided free professional care by the doctors, and were given additional financial assistance with the cost of the service they received.

This free service was provided for largely by our Mother's Day offerings which amounted to $128,900.00. Other assistance came from various health and welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment, and individual gifts. All this added together enabled the Hospital to provide free service amounting to $312,500.00, in addition to the work of the doctors. And yet, many could not be given as much financial assistance as they needed because the Hospital did not have sufficient funds.

During 1949 there were 188 visits from the Alexander Association to the service clinics of the Baptist Hospital. There were 16 service patients cared for in the Hospital at a cost of $2,112.00. Of this amount the patients, or their families, paid $823.68 and free service was given at a cost of $1,288.32. This does not include the free services of the doctors, none of whom made any charge to any of these patients who went to the clinics, or were cared for as patients in the Hospital. The Mother's Day offering from the Alexander Association amounted to $936.39 last year, thus showing the service received exceeded that paid for by $1,175.61. Thus far this year the churches of the association have sent $968.86 on the Mother's Day offering. This is the money which the Hospital uses to help pay the cost of those sick people who cannot pay for the service themselves.

What of the Future?

There is a great undertaking which Baptists of North Carolina are now facing, i.e., the building of the new South Wing of the Hospital. An appeal has been made for the raising of $700,000 for this purpose and you have responded admirably. I quote your Hospital Representative:

"It looks now as if the full amount will be raised when all the churches have made their offerings and sent in the money."

Our Baptist Hospital has become a haven of hope for thousands of sick persons each year throughout North Carolina. It provides the highest type of medical service for the sick of all classes. It is our means of carrying on the healing ministry of Jesus. Yes, our answer is EVEN A GREATER INSTITUTION OF HEALING, TEACHING, PREACHING, REACHING.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Wells.

In the absence of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, who was to have given the report on the Sunday School, the Moderator asked a number of the pastors present to give some account of the Sunday Schools of their churches.

Worship in song was conducted by Q. L. Frye, who led in the singing of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Rev. E. C. Shoe brought a doctrinal sermon. His text was Matt. 24:13; Mk. 13:13.

After the sermon the Association was recessed for lunch. The host of people enjoyed splendidly prepared food which was in abundance.

Afternoon Session—Thursday, Oct. 5, 1950

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Take the Name of Jesus with You." Bro. T. L. Blaylock sang one verse of the same in the Chinese language.

Bro. John Webster led in the devotional with the quoting of John 14:1-6 and prayer.

Rev. Jeffie Daniels brought the report on the Baptist Orphanage. Motion was made and passed for its adoption. Bro. Daniels and Rev. J. O. Walton, Pastor at the Orphanage, spoke to the report.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

When Jesus was asked who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven He called a little child and set him in the midst of them and said, except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven, and whosoever receives a little child in my name receives me. Again when parents brought their children to Jesus and the disciples rebuked them He said suffer them to come unto me and forbid them not, for, of such is the kingdom of heaven.

We cannot be Christians and fail to care for children.

I feel that our care for children should be in a broad and general way and then our Orphanage homes provide us a wonderful privilege to show our respect and care for children.

Our Baptist Orphanage homes last year cared for 781 children, from the schools 19 were graduated, 70 were baptized into the Church.

Our Association has five children in the Mills Home: J. B. Davis, Edna Davis, Judy Davis, Billy Smith and Lucy Watts.

Eight of our churches sent produce valued at $359.70. Eight churches take Charity and Children. 34 of the churches made gifts of money.

The reserve fund is now about all gone. Many of us have had a misunderstanding in regard to canned goods; they still need all they can get of them.

My dear Christian friends, we cannot afford to neglect our duty to children and our Orphanage homes.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffie Daniels.

Mr. A. C. Payne brought the report on Christian Literature. Motion was made and passed for its adoption. Mr. Payne read a report on the Biblical Recorder, submitted for information by Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of the Recorder.

C. W. Bazemore, Assistant Editor of the Recorder, spoke to the reports bringing out some astonishing things concerning the use of other than Christian literature.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

If we are literary minded, we need to be more concerned about the purity and purpose of the literature we permit to come, or to be placed in our homes. In this day of an increased desire for reading matter, and the fact that those who read do our thinking, it is of the utmost importance, that those who are responsible, should guard against trashy literature getting into our homes.

As to the Baptist publications, we have the BIBLICAL RECORDER, which is the journal of our Baptist State Convention, which we feel is basic as far as periodicals go for our Baptist people, and we believe is outstanding in Christian content. In addition to that we have our Sunday School, Training Union, and W. M. U. literature. The Baptist Sunday School Board publishes about 60 different monthly, quarterly, and weekly papers and a good many books. North Carolina Baptists make up about one-tenth of the Baptist population of the South. The circulation of the Recorder is now about 41,000. The total circulation of all the Baptists papers in the South is about 700,000. The Biblical Recorder ranks about fourth or fifth in number in the size of its circulation among these papers of the different states. We note with a great deal pleasure and satisfaction the improvement made by Charity and Children; we believe it to be the most popular periodical in its field, and that it should have a larger circulation within the bounds of our orphanage. We highly recommend these periodicals, including the Commission, which is essential to inform Baptist about Missions in the Southern Baptist Convention territory and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Payne.

Rev. W. O. Johnson brought the report on Temperance. Motion was made and passed for its adoption.

Bro. Johnson spoke to his report in a very capable manner.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is an all-inclusive term, which applies to all the activities of man, however a more frequent use of the word applies to Strong Drink. Perhaps, no other subject will come before this body that so vitally effects the lives of our people as the Strong Drink problem. There is much being said about this problem, but very little is being done. This Evil is a cancer eating at the very heart of our civilization, and cancer always kills unless it is removed or at least checked. If cancer is found on the human body, we do something about it and we ought to do something about this matter of Strong Drink.

There are two or three things we can all do to help in this fight. We can take our stand against it, and surely as Christians we can all stand together here. And, too, we can work against it, and if, opportunity presents itself, we can vote against it, and certainly we can pray God that He will help us to get rid of this terrible evil.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher. The following recommendation was made by the Committee and accepted by the Association:

Time—Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1951.

Place—Stony Point Baptist Church, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1950.
East Taylorsville Church, Thursday, Oct. 11, 1951.

Preacher—Rev. John L. Wells.

Alternate—Rev. Jeffie Daniels.

The following report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved:

First, that we express to our Moderator, Bro. A. B. Bumgarner, and the program committee our appreciation for the arrangement and the carrying through of the helpful and inspiring program of this meeting.

Second, that we make known to every speaker our appreciation for the inspiring and uplifting messages which they have delivered.

Third, that we extend our most hearty thanks to our host churches, Liledoun Baptist Church, and Mt. Herman Baptist Church, for their most hospitable entertainment of the Association this year.

Fourth, that we express our gratitude to the Nescafe Company and its representative for the most unusual kindness of furnishing delicious coffee for the enjoyment of all concerned.

Fifth, that we express our sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father that, through the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus, we have such Christian fellowship as our heritage which has been so evident in this meeting of the Alexander Association of Baptists.

Sixth, be it further resolved that we as Christian men and women of this Association shall endeavor to walk closer to God, have greater love for the brethren, show more interest in our church, and a greater concern for lost people. That we pause here in a prayer of dedication of ourselves to God, that we pray for our world and its leaders, our coming evangelistic crusade, that we seek the Lord until he comes and rains righteousness upon us.

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. Good,
Mrs. Roy Rogers,
Mrs. Ward Pennell,
Committee.

The Committee on Digest of Letters reported that 27 churches were represented by Letter and the sum of $149.70 had been contributed toward the publication of Minutes.

A motion was made and carried that the retiring Moderator, the incoming Moderator, and the Clerk be a committee for the appointment of such representatives as are necessary for the Association, and to work out the uniting of all the allied organizations of the Church, making them a part of the Association.

The congregation was led in the singing of "Amazing Grace" after which Bro. H. L. Good introduced Rev. James S. Potter of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, who brought the closing message.

The Association adjourned to meet again in 1951, with a benediction pronounced by Mr. A. C. Payne.

History of Liledoun Baptist Church

In 1900 a church building was erected at Liledoun and used by all denominations, until 1906 when a Baptist Church was organized and given the name Liledoun Baptist Church. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney and Rev. Jay P. Gwaltney and others helped in the organization and Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was called as pastor, serving from September 8, 1906 to June 1, 1918. Others serving as pastors were: Rev. B. F. Austin, 1918 to August 1922; Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, August 1922 to November 1924; Rev. W. J. Bumgarner, August 1924 to 1930; Rev. S. I. Watts, 1930 to 1944; Rev. James R. Lail, 1944 to 1949; Rev. J. A. Isenhour 1949 to present.

In 1907 this church ordained brother J. Walter Watts to preach. License to preach have been granted to brother J. Leroy Rufty in 1931 and brother W. A. Heafner in 1950.

A record or charter members was lost in the flood of1916, but according to memory of some, there were seventeen, and of that seventeen , W. W. Fox still survives.

In 1948 the Brookwood Mills, Inc. gave a lot and $4,000 for a new church which was occupied in 1949. It's value is around $40,000.

History of Mount Herman Baptist Church

Mt. Herman Baptist Church was organized in October, 1912 and a frame church was built on land donated by Norman Z. Daniels. A new brick-veneer church was built about 1936. Recently the church has acquired four acres additional ground. P. E. Johnson has served as clerk from organization to present.

The pastors and their terms are as follows: Rev. J. W. Watts, 1912-1914; Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, 1914-1919; Rev. B. F. Austin, 1919-1920; Rev. T. E. Payne, 1920-1930; Rev. S. Issac Watts, 1930-1940; Rev. Roger Gwaltney, 1941-1943; Rev. Howard Ford, 1943-1945; Rev. James R. Lail, 1945-1949; Rev. J. A. Isenhour, 1949 to the present.

For lack of space the list of charter members could not be included in this report. It is hoped that, in a future issue of the minutes, this list can be published.

In Memoriam

BETHANY—Jonas A. Costner, Roy L. Hayes, Mrs. Thursa Moore, Mrs. Ella Cook.

BETHLEHEM—James Lail, John Campbell.

DOVER—Jim Pennell, Mrs. Joe Pennell.

LEBANON—Mrs. Lucy Mae Fortner.

LILEDOUN—N. A. Fox.

LINNEY'S GROVE—L. P. Shoemaker, Mrs. Ola McLain.

LITTLE RIVER—Miss Josie Barnes, Mrs. Emma Deal, Mrs. Puella Kerley.

MACEDONIA—S. F. Fincannon, Mrs. Jacob Icenhour, Lem Mecimore.

MT. HERMAN—Lee C. Echerd.

PILGRIM—Henry Hayes, Alfred Mayberry.

POPLAR SPRINGS — Mrs. Lula Payne, Mrs. Sophronia Barnes, Coburn Chapman, Will Walker.

ROCKY CREEK—Mrs. J. C. Hale.

STONY POINT—Rev. W. L. Comer, W. M. Watts, Chattie Ingram, Miss Lillian Rector, Mrs. William Reavis.

TAYLORSVILLE FIRST—Mrs. J. M. Little, Dr. A. M. Edwards.

TAYLORSVILLE EAST—J. Parks Brown, Mrs. Maude James.

THREE FORKS—L. G. Watts, Mrs. Jeff Thomas, Mrs. T. W. Watts, Mrs. Mary Childers, R. R. Herman.

STATISTICAL

TABLES

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. A. B. Bumgarner

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers not Counted Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch.....	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville.....	..	30	35	56	44	41	22	112	.	3	343	178	111	98
Bethany.....	Wayne Hendren, Pores Knob, Rt 1.....	..	...	...	13	...	...	22	20	.	..	55	42	...	...
Bethlehem.....	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls, Rt 1.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	153	90	90	80
Beulah.....	Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville.....	..	...	15	...	14	10	16	10	.	..	65	....	...	...
Calvary.....	Tom Smith, Taylorsville.....	..	...	15	12	10	10	...	23	.	..	70	....	60	52
Damascus.....	R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt 2.....	..	3	2	4	5	10	6	10	.	..	40	30	...	...
Dover.....	Mrs. Herman Pennell, Taylorsville.....	..	...	12	...	11	...	13	25	.	..	61	....	...	...
Hiddenite.....	H. D. Fincannon, Hiddenite.....	..	7	6	17	6	13	16	59	1	2	127	94	73	65
Island Ford.....	A. V. Byers, Statesville, Rt 6.....	2	1	4	4	2	4	...	6	.	1	24	16	...	...
Lebanon.....	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	..	...	13	9	10	...	11	10	.	..	53	35	...	...
Liledoun.....	Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 1.....	..	...	35	34	30	38	42	88	.	..	267	204	...	...
Linney's Grove....	S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite.....	..	...	...	12	12	15	20	20	.	..	79	59	...	...
Little River.....	Mrs. Burgin Walker, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	8	...	15	...	18	11	23	24	.	..	99	52	...	...
Macedonia.....	Clyde Mecimore, Taylorsville.....	..	10	12	11	14	12	20	30	.	..	109	68	...	...
Millersville.....	Mrs. Faye Icenhour, Taylorsville.....	..	...	...	22	17	14	...	22	.	..	75	40	...	...
Mt. Herman.....	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	..	...	23	11	11	20	30	73	.	..	168	122	76	70
Mt. Olive.....	T. S. Deal, Pores Knob.....	..	...	10	...	18	...	16	24	.	..	68	48	...	...
Oxford Memorial...	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.	..	....	....	...	...
Pilgrim.....	W. G. Mayberry, New Hope.....	..	3	9	12	13	21	46	65	.	..	167	109	...	...
Pleasant Hill.....	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt 3..	..	...	16	...	17	...	14	32	.	6	85	37	...	...
Poplar Springs....	Earl Robinette, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	..	...	...	18	18	10	...	24	.	..	70	69	...	...
Rocky Creek.....	John Frasier, Pores Knob.....	..	...	6	...	8	...	...	8	.	..	22	22	...	...
Rocky Face.....	Edd Walker, Hiddenite, Rt 2.....	..	...	10	5	6	10	...	15	.	5	51	30	...	...
Smyrna.....	Earl Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	11	...	3	12	8	15	17	42	.	..	132	75	43	36
Stony Point.....	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt 6.....	13	21	14	34	45	34	21	157	.	19	358	231	110	93
Taylorsville 1st..	David C. Campbell, Taylorsville.....	..	16	25	17	35	21	20	150	.	2	286	162	78	70
Taylorsville East.	Howard Deal, Taylorsville, Rt 3.....	11	25	17	29	56	37	29	107	.	5	316	216	144	111
Three Forks.....	Howard Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	..	...	22	10	12	19	16	65	.	7	177	118	...	...
TOTALS.....	.....	45	116	319	342	430	365	420	1221	1	50	3520	2247	765	675

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR Lucy Thompson TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery Units	Beginner Units	Primary Units	Junior Units	Intermediate Units	Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Hiddenite.....	Marcella Hines, Hiddenite.....	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	5	4	..	..	14	13	12	24	3	70	58
Liledoun.....	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville, Rt 1..	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	45	35
Mt. Herman.....	Kenneth Kerley, Taylorsville, Rt 2..	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	13	18	25	20	..	76	...
Oxford Memorial...	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	12	18	15	7	12	2	66	...
Pilgrim.....	Paul Mayberry, New Hope.....	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	..	3	9	12	10	12	18	2	64	43
Smyrna.....	Faye Teague, Taylorsville.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	6	4	3	3	8	7	12	...	5	42	26
Stony Point.....	Edsel Smith, Stony Point.....	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	5	..	18	..	19	20	21	15	8	104	55
Taylorsville 1st..	Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville.....	.	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	..	10	10	18	28	23	33	4	126	67
Taylorsville East.	Frank Watson, Taylorsville.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	4	6	8	21	14	9	35	..	103	58
TOTALS.....	.....	3	6	5	9	9	9	10	51	12	40	42	123	125	121	157	24	696	342

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT Mrs. U. L. Hafer PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Antioch.....	Mrs. James R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	1	.	.	.	1	2	15	..	..	..	8	23	23	[illegible]
Hiddenite.....	Mrs. J. L. Wells, Hiddenite.....	2	1	1	.	.	4	36	15	15	..	..	66	27	[illegible]
Stony Point.....	Mrs. J. P. Watts, Stony Point.....	3	1	2	1	1	8	65	13	21	26	33	158	25	45
Taylorsville 1st..	Mrs. E. H. Mills, Taylorsville.....	1	1	2	1	1	6	82	12	32	19	20	165	90	52
Taylorsville East.	Mrs. Eugene Meredith, Taylorsville.....	3	.	.	.	.	3	30	..	..	..	..	...	...	...
TOTALS.....	.....	10	3	5	2	3	23	228	40	68	47	61	412	165	110

TABLE V. BROTHERHOOD WORK--BUILDING--GOALS

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT Clay Elledge PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Yr.	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home
Taylorsville First.	Clay Elledge, Taylorsville.	23	4	$8000.00	$53,000.00

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief And Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure For Missions	Grand Total Expenditure For All Purposes	Total Church Debt At End of Year
Antioch.....	V. W. Teague, Tayloraville, Rt 2.....	126	..	...	65	...	...	54	129	...	459	12505	4800
Bethany.....	J. D. Costner, Porea Knob.....	....	..	...	...	18	...	145	23	...	186	1682	.....
Bethlehem.....	R. L. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	....	..	203	...	...	...	120	46	179	179	1622	.....
Beulah.....	Mrs. Escar Bowman, Taylorsville.....	....	..	29	...	29	...	11	23	...	92	726	.....
Calvery.....	W. R. Tevepaugh, Tayloraville.....	....	..	...	...	...	...	48	26	244	298	1859	.....
Damascus.....	Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt 2.....	....	..	...	8	47	...	102	107	...	264	1131	.....
Dover.....	Joyce Mooney, Tayloraville.....	....	..	...	...	...	...	28	....	...	....	479	.....
Hiddenite.....	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite.....	16	..	81	157	64	42	247	250	56	908	3558	.....
Island Ford.....	J. H. Byers, Statesville, Rt 6.....	....	1	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	1	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	C. D. Poole, Tayloraville.....	....	..	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	60	1553	.....
Liledoun.....	Pleas Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 1.....	113	..	...	...	...	...	113	272	...	499	5103	2500
Linney'a Grove....	S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite.....	....	..	...	...	...	...	13	7	...	20	20	.....
Little River.....	Mrs. J. H. Bumgarner, Tayloraville, Rt 2.	15	..	...	...	...	...	22	15	...	52	2202	4400
Macedonia.....	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville.....	....	..	...	...	...	...	75	65	...	140	.....	.....
Millersville.....	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville.....	....	..	10	...	15	6	20	20	5	76	.....	.....
Mt. Herman.....	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	113	..	21	36	...	25	259	118	...	573	2641	.....
Mt. Olive.....	S. C. Deal, Porea Knob.....	....	..	...	5	...	...	41	5	5	56	807	.....
Oxford Memorial...	Mrs. Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 2...	50	..	31	...	...	12	52	169	...	325	1519	.....
Pilgrim.....	Paul Mayberry, New Hope.....	....	..	...	...	...	10	....	....	...	10	1019	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	Tommy Daniels, Tayloraville, Rt 3.....	....	..	...	...	24	...	24	24	...	72	1100	.....
Poplar Springs....	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	....	..	...	...	50	...	123	12	...	185	3273	812
Rocky Creek.....	Hubert Hawn, Porea Knob.....	....	..	...	...	...	...	6	4	...	....	1089	.....
Rocky Face.....	Crowson Wike, Taylorsville, Rt 3.....	....	..	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	20	.....	.....
Smyrna.....	Samuel Teague, Hickory.....	132	14	18	11	11	...	118	97	...	400	1602	.....
Stony Point.....	Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point.....	420	..	...	42	398	...	512	50	...	1422	19628	2771
Tayloraville 1st..	F. G. Lane, Taylorsville.....	668	46	103	84	186	65	411	355	195	2113	10924	.....
Tayloraville East.	Mrs Ruby Austin, Tayloraville.....	....	..	70	13	38	...	339	34	3	497	25994	13800
Three Forks.....	R. B. McLeod, Tayloraville, Rt 2.....	....	..	...	...	22	...	170	48	...	240	2504	.....
TOTALS.....	.....	1653	61	566	421	903	160	3053	1897	687	9147	104540	29083

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association ALEXANDER State NORTH CAROLINA

For Year Ending (Month) September 19 50

Clerk Rev. John L. Wells Address P. O. Box 174, Hiddenite, N. C.

Moderator Rev. A. B. Bumgarner Address Taylorsville, N. C.

CHURCHES	Location Rural V=T=C	Date Organized	Date of Meeting		Baptisms	Letters and other Additions	Loss by Death, Dismissed, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Regular Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	No. Years Present Pastor Has Served Church	Does Pastor Live On Church Field
Antioch	R	1880	all	James R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	7	300	50	370	1	40	yes	1	yes
Bethany	R	1892	3	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1	...	22	112	69	181	1	...	no	6	no
Bethlehem	R	1871	1,3	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	10	2	2	222	50	272	1	8	yes	10	no
Beulah	V	1916	all PM		3	1	6	32	24	56	1	...	no	3	no
Calvary	T	1948	all	J. G. Caldwell, N. Wilkesboro, Rt 1	...	...	...	77	3	80	2	...	no	1½	no
Damascus	R	1839	2,4	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, Rt 2	1	...	2	135	40	175	1	7	no	1	no
Dover	R	1833	2,4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	4	...	10	...	...	...	1	...	no	6	no
Hiddenite	T	1916	all	John L. Wells, Hiddenite	6	6	2	119	53	172	1	8	yes	1	yes
Island Ford	R	1897	1,3	Grover Blankenship, Hiddenite	4	1	...	14	14	28	1	...	no	1	no
Lebanon	R	1884	2,4	S. I. Watts, Bethlehem	7	2	3	...	...	80	2	...	no	5	no
Lilesdown	V	1906	all	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	7	7	5	267	...	267	1	...	no	1	no
Linney's Grove	R	1895	2	S. D. Baker	3	...	3	135	27	162	1	...	no	8	no
Little River	R	1792	1,3	H. I. Johnson, Moravian Falls	14	8	6	114	27	141	1	...	no	1	no
Macedonia	R	1855	2	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	...	1	13	...	...	138	1	...	no	1	no
Millersville	V	1923	1,3	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	5	...	2	...	...	106	1	...	no	..	no
Mt. Herman	R	1912	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	12	13	13	...	...	244	1	...	no	1	no
Mt. Olive	R	1865	2,4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	2	...	6	117	28	145	1	...	no	2	no
Oxford Memorial	R	1948	2,4	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	19	2	3	79	23	102	2	8	no	2	no
Pilgrim	R	1837	1,3	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	16	3	3	...	...	261	1	...	no	1	no
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	1,3	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	4	...	4	167	44	211	1	...	no	2	no
Poplar Springs	R	1870	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	23	1	11	...	...	197	1	...	no	12	no
Rocky Creek	R	1940	4	J. W. Eldreth, Jefferson	1	...	5	32	10	42	1	...	no	1	no
Rocky Face	R	1946	2,4	Grover Blankenship, Hiddenite	...	...	...	30	20	50	1	...	no	1	no
Smyrna	R	1923	all	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	6	5	1	117	...	117	1	10	yes	1	no
Stony Point	T	1909	all	H. L. Goss, Stony Point	36	19	11	367	75	442	1	150	no	8	yes
Taylorsville 1st	T	1851	all	E. C. Shue, Taylorsville	1	4	10	...	...	415	1	...	yes	9	yes
Taylorsville East	T	1924	all	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	34	36	...	...	...	422	1	...	no	4	yes
Three Forks	R	1857	1,3	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2	6	...	22	349	...	349	1	...	no	17	no
TOTALS					187	113	166	3813	439	3206	31	231	...	....	...

TABLE VI. CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER J. L. Wells, Hiddenite TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Money Borrowed, Sale of Property, etc.	All Other Receipts Through All Organizations For Year	Total Salaries (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment On Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
Antioch	Earl Cline, Rhodehise	5000	13001	240	203	9454	352	97	150	....	350	10846	1200	12046
Betheny	J. D. Costner, Poree Knob	.....	1735	....	134	717	67	....	100	....	....	1018	479	1496
Bethlehem	Arthur Bowman, Hickory, Rt 3	8737	11330	151	172	8737	251	178	100	1404	....	9845	1598	11443
Beulah	Berthe Vickers, Taylorsville	.....	.....	60	....	.....	32	....	50	....	33	175	459	634
Calvery	Theode Watts, Taylorsville, Rt 3	.....	.....	....	15	722	40	133	193	....	....	1104	475	1561
Demascus	Meggie McLein, Steteesville, Rt 2	.....	1164	....	18	.....	29	....	145	....	....	192	676	868
Dover	Gaynell Pennell, Teylorsville, Rt 2	.....	693	93	....	.....	45	....	66	....	35	240	210	450
Hiddenite	Blaine Campbell, Hiddenite	.....	4345	186	58	.....	296	....	119	....	90	749	1900	2649
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Stateeville, Rt 6	.....	.....	....	6	.....	4	....	13	....	83	106	105	212
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Teylorsville, Rt 2	.....	1553	....	....	.....	....	....	218	....	....	218	900	1118
Liledoun	Vence Stefford, Teylorsville, Rt 1	.....	.....	....	134	436	168	....	210	2500	347	4604	809	5413
Linney's Grove	L. A. Childers, Hiddenite	.....	.....	72	....	.....	....	....	72	....	10	344	262	606
Little River	W. C. Childers, Taylorsville	.....	.....	109	....	.....	63	72	330	1029	18	1621	528	2150
Macedonie	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	.....	.....	....	225	.....	33	74	82	....	....	413	455	868
Millersville	Mrs. Dwight Werren, Teylorsville	.....	.....	24	26	.....	50	10	55	....	22	186	184	371
Mt. Hermen	W. D. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	29	1981	....	70	310	141	20	142	....	396	1079	990	2068
Mt. Olive	Brack J. Deal, Pores Knob	.....	818	....	....	.....	56	....	94	....	....	.....	551	751
Oxford Memoriel	Clarence Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	1726	45	....	.....	182	192	210	....	99	729	465	1194
Pilgrim	Wede Connolly, New Hope	.....	.....	....	36	334	15	81	112	....	37	615	394	1009
Pleasant Hill	Fred Herrington, Teyloreville, Rt 3	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	78	....	....	.....	475	553
Poplar Springe	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	.....	....	195	.....	25	295	136	1400	178	2229	858	3088
Rocky Creek	Hubert Hewn, Pores Knob	.....	.....	....	....	11	....	....	58	....	10	279	121	400
Rocky Face	Grover Blankenship, Teylorsville, Rt 3	300	170	....	....	60	40	....	....	....	....	.....	129	.....
Smyrne	Mrs. J. W. Perkine, Conover, Rt 1	.....	.....	12	26	.....	189	26	116	....	107	478	725	1203
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	.....	19628	256	168	11357	979	214	190	330	363	13855	4350	18205
Teylorsville 1st	Rom L. Teague, Taylorsville	.....	10924	820	536	3000	203	27	100	....	1005	5691	3120	8811
Taylorsville East	Mrs. R. W. Meredith, Teyloreville, Rt 3	12000	15306	....	1381	19256	459	329	173	....	....	21597	3900	25497
Three Forks	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	63	33	139	679	96	947	1255	2264
TOTALS	.....	26066	84473	2068	3403	55384	3782	1783	3450	7342	3279	79160	27563	206928

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distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

ARTICLE XIV. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

ARTICLE XV. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, appoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

ARTICLE XVI. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

ARTICLE XVII. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon.

ARTICLE XVIII. It shall be the duty of the program committee to prepare and publish a program for each annual session, consisting of a list of subjects or questions, and assign the same to speakers for discussion not less than thirty days prior to each annual meeting of the association.

ARTICLE XIX. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

ARTICLE XX. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolutions of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

ARTICLE XXI. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian, and chairman of the committee on nominations, shall form an executive board for the supervision of the work and the business of the association between sessions.

ARTICLE XXII. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCHES

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the

local Church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and cooperative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Asociation in its annual session at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, named a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (with the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give council and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has indorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943 name a committee of pastors and deacons to its in council with a sister church in a matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of the denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to cooperate in the Faith and work "Once and for all delivered unto the saints."

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe.

Officers and Committees

Moderator, H. L. Good.....Stony Point, N. C.
Vice-Moderator, J. R. Lail.....Taylorsville, N. C., Rt. 2
Clerk-Treasurer, J. L. Wells.....Hiddenite, N. C.
Historian, Charles E. Echerd.....Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Supt., A. B. Bumgarner.....Taylorsville, N. C.
B. T. U. Director, Miss Lucy Thompson.....Taylorsville, N. C.
W. M. U. Supt., Mrs. U. L. Hafer.....Taylorsville, N. C.
Hospital Representative, A. E. Watts.....Taylorsville, N. C.
Orphanage Representative, Jeffie Daniels.....Taylorsville, N. C.
Religious Literature Representative, A. C. Payne.....Taylorsville, N. C.

TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

Associate Director.....Pender Caldwell
Secretary-Treasurer.....Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite, N. C.
Group Leaders.....Kenneth Kerley, Faye Teague
Department Leaders:
Adult.....Fred Johnson
Young People.....Edsel Smith, Stony Point, N. C.
Intermediate.....Mrs. Earl Teague
Junior.....Dawson Buckham
Story Hour.....Mrs. Vance Stickeleather
Pastor-Advisor.....Rev. J. L. Wells, Hiddenite, N. C.
Chorister.....Maurice Barnes
Pianist.....Kathryn Johnson

COMMITTEES

Nominations: Fred Johnson, Howard Deal, Mrs. Roy Rogers.
Resolutions: A. E. Watts, Howard Rogers, G. S. Hampton.
Program: A. B. Bumgarner, Lucy Thompson, Marcella Hines.
Application for Membership: E. V. Bumgarner, Ray Sherrill, J. G. Cardwell.
Time, Place, Preacher: W. O. Johnson, Walter W. Harrington, A. C. Payne.
Ordination of Ministers and Constitution of Churches: James Teague, J. L. Wells, J. A. Icenhour.

VISITORS

Horace Easom, Shelby and State Convention; Dr. M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill College; J. O. Walton, Pastor of Church at Mills Home, Thomasville; C. W. Bazemore, Ass't. Editor, Biblical Recorder, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lovelace, Wingate College; Miss Mable Starnes, Gardner-Webb College; Misses Kathryn Prince and Betty Hinson, students at Gardner-Webb College; Rev. A. W. Eller, Moderator of Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, North Wilkesboro; Rev. C. C. Holland, Statesville; Dr. M. A. Huggins, Raleigh; Mr. J. L. Lyons, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Church Directory

ANTIOCH—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Taylorsville R. 2; Clerk, Vance Teague, Taylorsville, R. 2; Treas., Dewey P. Austin, Taylorsville R. 2; S. S. Supt., W. R. Austin, Taylorsville R. 2.

BETHANY—Pastor, L. T. Younger, New Hope; Clerk, J. D. Costner, Pores Knob; Treas., Mrs. Edd Hendren, Pores Knob, R. 1; S. S. Supt., B. L. Carpenter, Pores Knob, R. 1.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk, R. Lee Teague; Treas., Arthur Bowman, Hickory, R. 3; S. S. Supt., Hal Teague, Taylorsville, R. 1.

BEULAH—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Escar Bowman, Taylorsville;, Treas., Bertha Vickers, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt. Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville.

CALVARY—Pastor, J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro, R. 1; Clerk, Ralph C. Walker, Taylorsville; Treas., Miss Mable Lowman, Taylorsville, R. 2; S. S. Supt., Tom Smith, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS—Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Harmony, R. 2; Clerk, Miss Maggie McLain, Statesville, R. 2; Treas., Maggie McLain, Statesville, R. 2; S. S. Supt., R. A. Wilson, Statesville, R. 2.

HIDDENITE—Pastor, J. L. Wells, Hiddenite; Clerk, R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite; Treas., M. L. Kerley, Stony Point; S. S. Supt., H. D. Fincannon, Hiddenite.

LEBANON—Pastor, S. I. Watts, Boomer; Clerk, C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, R. 2; Treas., C. D. Poole; S. S. Supt., C. D. Poole.

LILEDOUN—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, R. 1; Clerk, Devon Dyson, Taylorsville, R. 1; Treas., Vance Stafford, Taylorsville, R. 1; S. S. Supt., Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, R. 1.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Pastor, J. L. Wells, Hiddenite; Clerk, S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite, R. 1; Treas., L. A. Childers, Hiddenite, R. 1; S. S. Supt., Fred Hendren, Hiddenite, R. 2.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor, H. I. Johnson, Moravian Falls; Clerk, Mrs. J. Horace Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Treas., W. C. Childers, Taylorsville, R. 2; S. S. Supt., Mrs. Burgin Walker, Taylorsville, R. 2.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville; Treas., Mrs. Odell Icenhour, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., Mrs. Faye Icenhour, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN—Clerk, P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2; Treas., Willie D. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2; S. S. Supt., P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Taylorsville, R. 2; Clerk, Doris Anderson, Lenoir, R. 2; Treas., Clarence Caldwell, Taylorsville, R. 2; S. S. Supt., Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, R. 2.

PILGRIM—Clerk, Paul Mayberry, New Hope; Treas., Wade Connelly, New Hope; S. S. Supt., Paul Mayberry, New Hope.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2; Clerk, Paul Harrington, Taylorsville; Treas., Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, R. 3; S. S. Supt., Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, R. 3.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, R. 2; Treas., Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, R. 2; S. S. Supt., Earl Robinette, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Pastor, (interim) F. A. Bowers, Morganton; Clerk, Fred G. Lane, Taylorsville; Treas., Howard Campbell, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt., David C. Campbell, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Pastor, A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Ruby Austin, Taylorsville, R. 2; Treas., James F. White; S. S. Supt., Jim McDuffie, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, James R. Lail, Taylorsville, R. 2; Clerk, Samuel Teague, Hickory; Treas., Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover, R. 1; S. S. Supt., Earl Teague, Taylorsville, R. 2.

STONY POINT—Pastor, H. L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, Vance Stikeleather. Stony Point; Treas., Howard Norton, Stony Point; S. S. Supt., W. C. Grose, Statesville, R. 6.

Proceedings

Sixty-Fourth Annual Session

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 10th and 11th, 1951

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association was held with Stony Point and East Taylorsville Baptist Churches on October 10 and 11, 1951. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Homer L. Good.

Rev. James R. Lail led the congregation in singing "Come Thou Fount," after which the Moderator asked Rev. Jeffie Daniels to lead in the devotional in lieu of Rev. B. F. Peeler, who was absent.

The roll call of churches was made and a number were noted to be absent.

Bro. A. C. Payne made a motion that the messengers and churches present be seated in fellowship.

At this time the visitors were recognized, whose names appear elsewhere in the Minutes.

Upon a motion which was duly passed, necessary changes were made and the following program was adopted.

PROGRAM

The Sixty-Fourth Annual Session of the Alexander Association of Baptist, meeting with Stony Point Baptist Church on Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1951, and the following day with East Taylorsville Baptist Church.

Annual Sermon.....Rev. J. L. Wells
ALTERNATE.....Rev. Jeffie Daniels

Wednesday, A. M., October 10, 1951

10:00 Song
10:05 Scripture and Prayer.....Jeffie Daniels
10:15 Roll Call of Churches, Recognition of Visitors, Adoption of Program, Appointment of Committees
10:35 Report on Christian Education.....A. B. Bumgarner
11:00 Report on Christian Literature.....W. W. Harrington
11:20 Miscellaneous Business
11:25 Song
11:30 Sermon.....J. L. Wells
RECESS

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Song
1:35 Scripture and Prayer.....Irvin Wallace
1:45 Report on Orphanage.....W. O. Johnson
2:15 Report on Vacation Bible School.....Fred G. Lane
2:30 Song
2:35 Report on B. T. U.....Chas. E. Echerd
2:50 Report of Committees
Election of Officers

Thursday, A. M., October 11, 1951

10:00 Song
10:05 Scripture and Prayer.....Jeffie Daniels
10:15 Call Delinquent Churches, Recognition of Visitors.
10:20 Report on W. M. U.....Mrs. Ethel Hafer
10:35 Report on Missions.....J. D. Whisnant
11:15 Miscellaneous Business and Announcements
11:20 Song
11:25 Inspirational Sermon.....A. E. Watts

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Song
1:35 Scripture and Prayer.....J. G. Cardwell
1:45 Report on Hospital.....J. A. Icenhour
2:15 Report on Temperance.....James R. Lail
2:35 Miscellaneous Business
Adjourn

The necessary committees were appointed at this time and are listed elsewhere in the Minutes.

Rev. A. B. Bumgarner made a motion that the report on Christian Education, be not given and the entire time be given to the representatives of our Christian colleges.

Bro. Horace Easom spoke in behalf of Wake Forest College.
Bro. A. C. Lovelace spoke in behalf of Wingate College.
Bro. M. H. Kendall spoke in behalf of Mars Hill College.
Miss Mabel Starnes spoke in behalf of Gardner-Webb College.

Misses Kathryn Prince and Betty Hinson, students at Gardner-Webb, spoke in behalf of the college and rendered a musical selection, "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Upon vote the report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The progress of a Nation, a State, a City or a Corporation, an Industry of any sort, or even a local church, will be in direct proportion to the quality of its leadership. Training is an absolute essential to highest quality leadership. Baptists have, through the years, felt a responsibility in helping to provide the best, not only for responsibility in our Churches, but for leaders iu the fields of commerce, industry and professions.

The Christian religion is not one for a part of the individual, but for the whole man. The spirit, the mind and the body are all important iu Christ's concept of human value. Consequently, Baptists seek to miuister to the whole man, because we are New Testament Christians.

In an attempt to furnish institutions of higher learning for our people, the Baptists of North Carolina are helping to support the following institutions in our State: Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Garduer Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan Colleges, and the School of Nursing of the Baptist Hospital. Last year we had an enrollment of 5 000. Wake Forest couferred 492 degrees and Meredith College conferred 162 degrees. In the five Junior Colleges there were some 800 completing the two-year course, with many of them transferring to Senior Colleges for the last two years work. Of these 5,000 students, some 400 are training for the Baptist Ministry, with another 300 classified as "Student Volunteers," expectiug to serve in some phase of our Church work. In addition to these, there are several hundred preparing themselves for other professions, such as public school teaching, law, medicine, business and other vocations in which we sorely need Christian laymeu.

As the State provides greater financial support for its colleges and universities, so must our Churches, in keeping their colleges equal in every respect. In 1950 the Baptists of North Carolina, through the cooperative program, made available $350,000 for these seven Baptist Colleges, or an average of $70 per student. This $70 looks rather small in contrast to the more than $400 per student provided by the State for those enrolled in its colleges and universities. No one can question the ability of 700,000 Baptists to provide the financial support needed for the operation of our Baptist Colleges, and as a denomiuation, we shall measure our future advauces in terms of our willingness to adequately support these training ceuters, as they returu to us our leaders.

It is also of particular importance that our Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Training Union leaders, leaders in our W. M. U. work and all others, be ou the alert for talented and consecrated young men and women who are ready to respond to the challenge of Christian leadership and can profit most by going to one of these colleges.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. Bumgarner.

Bro. A. C. Payne made a motion which was duly passed that since Rev. Harvey White, who was to have given the report on Christian Literature, was not present the business proceed and the report be printed in the Minutes.

Bro. C. W. Bazemore, assistant editor of the Biblical Recorder, spoke in an inspiring manner in behalf of Christian Literature.

Further visitors, whose names appear elsewhere were recognized.

Bro. James R. Lail led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," after which Misses Prince and Hinson sang "I Surrender All."

The Moderator declared the hour had come for the annual sermon and presented Rev. John L. Wells, pastor of the Hiddenite Baptist Church, who brought a message on the topic "The Gospel River." The Scripture passage was from the 47th chapter of the prophecy of Ezekiel, verses 1-12.

Bro. Wells, in stressing the nature of the spread of the Gospel, introduced a report on the American Bible Society and declared this work to be of great importance, and sufficiently so, that mention should be made of it in the Minutes, therefore, the following report is incorporated in the Minutes.

REPORT OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Missionary advance must continue!—The American Bible Society, working with Southern Baptist mission agencies in their Advance Program for worldwide missions, joins in reporting that advance has begun.

The Society also joins in urging that this missionary advance must continue and increase. Experience on mission fields around the world shows that

In every missionary advance,

the Bible goes forward first.

The Bible is a "must" in mission work.

If the people of the world are to know Christ, they must have the Bible. It is the one primary source of knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man's heart.

Every man must have the Bible in his own native tongue if the Word of God is to speak to his heart. Someone must translate it into his language, publish it and send it to him, wherever he may live.

In most countries of the world, the income of the people is so low that they cannot afford even the bare cost of the printed Scriptures. Someone must help those who can pay only a part of the cost and the many who cannot pay at all.

The American Bible Society, a missionary non-profit organization, supported by gifts, serves as that "Someone." It aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment, and distributes them, without profit and usually below cost, for use in mission work around the world.

During 1950 the American Bible Society—

—distributed through its own work, at home and abroad, more than 11 million volumes of Scriptures. Another 3 million volumes were produced through gifts of materials and money to Bible Societies of other countries, especially Germany and Japan, bringing the grand total to more than 14 million volumes for the year;

—supplied Testaments in 9 different languages for United Nations forces in Korea;

—started printing 2 million service Testaments for our own expanding armed forces;

—in Japan, distributed 3 million volumes, which was the goal for 1950, making the total distribution in Japan since World War II, more than 6 million volumes.

1951 opportunities call for even greater Advance in Scripture distribution.

Japan is the major challenge for greater Advance. It is not just an "open door"; "the whole side of the house has fallen out" and we are free to walk right in. Other fields also present needs which, though not so dramatic, are just as real.

In 1950, Southern Baptist churches gave $78,643 to the American Bible Society; gifts from churches of all denominations amounted to $646,756. In view of Southern Baptists' strength and readiness to respond to missionary needs, it is expected that Southern Baptist churches will soon be giving to the American Bible Society at least $150,000 each year. Please send gifts to your Baptist State Headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society."

The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Wells and the session was recessed for lunch, which was served by the host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION
First Day

The session opened with the singing of "I Am Thine O Lord," led by Bro. Lail.

Rev. Irvin Wallace led in the devotional by reading a Scripture passage and leading in prayer.

The order of business being followed, Rev. W. O. Johnson read the following report on the Baptist Orphanage and gave a brief talk. Rev. J. O. Walton, pastor of the Baptist Church at Mills Home, spoke to the report. Upon a motion which was duly passed, the report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Since the establishment of our orphanage on August 5, 1885 thousands of homeless boys and girls have been ministered to. These boys and girls have come from broken homes, some of their homes have been broken by death. Some by divorce. No matter what the cause has been, these boys and girls have been given a home with food to eat, clothing to wear and a bed to sleep in. These things mentioned are very fine, but these are not the most important things to a boy or girl. The orphanage and its staff of workers are trying to give these boys and girls an equal chance at life with other children.

Our great need today is to develop:

1. To develop physical.
2. To develop mentally.
3. To develop Spiritual.

This is the task of any Christian institution, and our officials need our support and prayer.

Our orphanage has been supported by the once a month and quarterly offering along with the special Thanksgiving offerings.

As a pastor and knowing the thinking of some of our people, we will have to hold on to these methods of support if our beloved orphan home gets the support it ought to receive, and for the benefit of those who have made wills of their property and special gifts, may they never be barred from this privilege and opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson.

Mrs. Fred G. Lane brought the folowing report on Vacation Bible Schools and spoke briefly to her report.

The Moderator recognized Bro. C. W. Bazemore who spoke concerning the progress of Vacation Bible Schools.

A motion was made and duly passed for the adoption of the report.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT.

In the Biblical Recorder of Sept. 1st. Mr. L. L. Morgan, our State Sunday School Secretary, stated that only seven of the thirty-eight churches in our Association had reported a Vacation Bible School. Probably there were more schools held but not reported to Mr. Morgan. He urges that all principals of Vacation Bible Schools send their reports at the close of the school.

In this report I wish to give some contributions of the Vacation Bible School to the mental, moral, and spiritual life of thousands of boys and girls every summer while the public schools are closed. Some of these contributions are as follows:

First—Bible Learnings

The series of thirteen textbooks, for the thirteen years a pupil can attend the Vacation Bible School, are filled with activities in connection with Bible learning such as: hearing Bible stories, retelling the stories, studying Bible passages, memorizing choice passages, taking part in Bible drills, looking up references, discussing Bible teachings and how to apply them to the daily problems of living.

Second—Worship Experiences

In the Vacation Bible School thousands of boys and girls, through carefully guided experiences, learn better how to worship God and experience the blessing of true worship. One result is the desire of the pupils for an atmosphere of reverence at all worship services they attend.

Third—Learning to Be Missionary

Each day in the Bible School we have a period on missionary activities. This is doing much to make the denomination more mission minded. In the four Junior textbooks a pupil gets a view of everything the denomination is doing to carry out the Great Commission. This includes every activity of Southern Baptists in benevolence, education, and missions—local, state, national, and foreign. An offering is taken every day in the worship service for the Co-operative Program. This helps the pupils to realize their responsibility in giving to missions.

Fourth—Character Training

Bible School helps pupils get rid of bad habits, and form new good habits. True stories of real characters are told and discussed. They are taught what desirable character traits are and to want them for themselves to build them into their own lives. Some of these character traits are: honesty, courtesy, promptness, thoughtfulness of others, helpfulness, industry, truthfulness, dependability, obedience, and purity in thought and speech. All of these are taught in the New Testament and the character story helps to carry out the Great Commission as it says, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Fifth—Appreciation of Good Music

The songs children learn to sing and love in childhood will be what they love as adults. The songs they love will be the future music of our churches since the children of today are our church leaders of tomorrow. The Bible School teaches children to love good music, both words and tunes.

Sixth—Finding Christ as Their Personal Saviour

Underlying every other good thing in the Bible School is that of winning the lost to Christ. Thousands of professions of faith have been made in Bible Schools all over our land. A certain day is set aside for an evangelistic service. In these services the lost are won to Christ and those

who are already Christian surrender themselves as Christian nurses, doctors, teachers, missionaries, and ministers.

Add them all up—Bible Teachings, Worship Experiences, Learning to be Missionary, Character Training, Appreciation of Good Music, and winning the Lost to Christ, and you will find that our Vacation Bible Schools are fitting our boys and girls for a more useful life in His service.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred G. Lane.

The next order of business was taken and Mr. Charles E. Echerd brought the report on the Baptist Training Union. A Motion was made and duly passed for its adoption, after which Mr. Echerd spoke to his report, emphasizing the importance of the Training Union.

The Moderator recognized Miss Marcella Hines of the Hiddenite Baptist Church and Miss Faye Teague of the Smyrna Baptist Church, both of whom are Training Union Directors, and gave brief comments on their Unions.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT.

The value and importance of the Baptist Training Union in the program of any Baptist Church can not be too greatly stressed.

This importance should be realized, first of all, by the pastors, deacons and other leaders in the church.

The churches in this association that have Training Unions are: Calvary, East Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Liledoun, Little River, Mt. Herman, Oxford Memorial, Pilgrim, Stony Point, Taylorsville First, and Smyrna. Calvary is the one new addition since last year.

The fact that only eleven of the twenty-seven churches in this Association have Training Unions is evidence that we have not yet sensed the importance of this part of our program.

The preaching of the gospel from the pulpit has not lost one iota of its importance, the teaching the Word in the Sunday School is more important than ever, because of the lack of Bible teaching in the home, however, there is a peculiar place for the Training Union because of the need of the new Christian for guidance and a place for service in his or her new life. The expression "Use me or lose me," is so true. The Training Union gives the new convert something to do, some place to learn more about what Baptist teach in the way of Doctrine, where our workers are, how our money is spent, who the leaders in our Denomination are, our duty in the matter of giving, and so forth.

It is a Training Institute from which most of our future workers and leaders will come. The admonition of Paul to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15 —"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" is the scripture around

which the Training Union is built and is good for the Old and Young, alike. The officers for the coming year are:

Director—Lucy Thompson; Associate Director—Pender Caldwell; Sec'y.-Treas.—Marcella Hines; Group Leaders—Faye Teague and Kenneth Kerley; Department Leaders: Adult—Fred Johnson; Young People—Edsel Smith; Intermediate—Mrs. Earl Teague; Junior—Dawson Beckham; Story Hour—Mrs. Vance Stikeleather; Pastor Advisor—Rev. J. L. Wells; Chorister—Maurice Barnes; Pianist—Katherine Johnson.

Call on any or all of these at any time and they will be glad to help any church to organize a new Training Union.

Let us go forward in all departments of our work in Jesus name.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. Echerd.

Bro. Lail led the congregation in singing "Footsteps of Jesus" after which the Moderator called for the report of the committees, none of whom were ready except the Committee on Time, Place, Preacher.

Bro. A. C. Payne read the report of the Committee on Time, Place, Preacher. The time to be Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1952. The session of the first day is to be held at the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville, and the second day's session is to be held at Symrna Baptist Church. The Rev. James R. Lail is to be the preacher, and the Rev. Irvin Wallace his alternate.

Mr. A. C. Payne brought up the question of the rescinding of the resolutions which are printed in the Minutes each year relating to the organization of churches and the ordaining of ministers. He served notice that if we were present at the 1952 session of the Alexander Baptist Association, he would offer a motion for the rescinding of these resolutions.

Mr. Payne was again recognized by the Moderator and made a motion, which was seconded by Rev. S. I. Watts, that the matter concerning the withdrawal of some 14 churches from the Alexander Association, including the request of the Three Forks Baptist Church for a letter of dismission that they might unite with the Rocky Face Association, be carried over until next year at the regular session.

A vote was taken on the question, and against considerable opposition carried.

The Moderator called for the report of the Nominating Committee, and since they were not ready to report, Bro. A. B. Bumgarner made a motion, which was duly passed, that this report be deferred until Thursday Afternoon.

The Moderator announced that the hour for adjournment had arrived and that the Association would meet Thursday at 10:00 A. M. with the East Taylorsville Baptist Church.

The benediction was pronounced and the session was adjourned.

Second Day

East Taylorsville, October 11, 1951

The second day's session of the Alexander Baptist Association was opened with the calling of order by the Moderator, Bro. H. L. Good.

Bro. James R. Lail led the congregation in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Bro. Jeffie Daniels read a Scripture passage, "Lord teach us to pray," and led in prayer.

The order of business was then taken and the roll call of delinquent churches was made.

The Moderator recognized visitors who were present.

The order of business for Thursday was changed and the report on the North Carolina Baptist Hospital was brought in lieu of the W.M.U. report.

Rev. J. A. Icenhour read the Hospital report and motion was made and passed for its adoption.

Mr. J. L. Lyons, Business Manager of the Hospital, spoke to the report.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL—1951.

For twenty-eight years our Baptist Hospital has sought to provide a Christian ministry of healing. The highest good of the individual who is sick has been at the heart of the motive and effort of this work. Thousands of sick persons have been blessed by it. Without it, many of these could not have received the care they needed.

Last year 9,700 patients were cared for in the Hospital and 95,000 visits were made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. About half of these were persons with little or no money. They were provided free professional care by our doctors, and were given additional financial assistance with the cost of the service they received.

This free service was made possible by our Mother's Day offerings which amounted to $140,000.00. Other assistance came from various health and welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment, and individual gifts. All this added together enabled the Hospital to spend $337,000.00 in free service. When the free services of the doctors are added to this, it means that our hospital provided three-fourths of a million dollars in free services to these sick persons who have little money. In other words, every time we gave one dollar in our Mother's Day offerings, it enabled our hospital to give five dollars in free service to sick persons who are poor in this world's goods.

We are happy to report that the Mother's Day offerings this year are running ahead of those last year. The reports from the special offerings to raise $700,000.00 toward the building of the new South Wing to the Hospital are encouraging. Most of our churches in the state have been making these offerings and many have gone well beyond their suggested goals. Contracts have been let for this addition to the Hospital and work is beginning on the construction, which will require about 18 months. We urge all our churches which have not made their offerings, or reached their goals, to do this without delay. We, as North Carolina Baptists, will do what we have said we would do in providing the money to enlarge our Hospital and open the door to those who are having to wait for lack of room.

Our Hospital seeks to meet the full needs of those who go there for treatment. It seeks to provide the best in medical service. For those who are poor it provides financial assistance, in so far as its resources permit. But beyond these, it provides a spiritual ministry for those who are spiritually sick. Under this ministry many unsaved persons accept Christ, many weak and neglected Christian lives are renewed, and many physical illnesses are hastened toward recovery. The purpose of our Hospital is to provide a complete Christian Ministry for those who are sick.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Icenhour.

The next order of business was taken and Bro. J. D. Whisnant read the Report on Missions for Bro. E. V. Bumgarner who was absent.

A motion was made and passed for the adoption of the report and the Moderator presented Dr. M. A. Huggins, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who spoke inspiringly to the report.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

According to the 1951 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention, they now have on the fields of the world more than eight hundred active missionaries, a recent increase of one hundred and eleven. They have reached a high record also in receipts. The receipts for the year run in excess of six million dollars.

The largest advance in missionary effort being in Japan. At the end of the year we had seventy-two missionaries under appointment to serve 85 million people of that country. At the outbreak of the war we had less than 20.

Reports from the various areas show appreciable gains except China. Since China was taken over by the Communists the doors to missionary effort have largely closed.

This fact should stir our hearts and quicken our missionary zeal to enter with the gospel of Christ these doors that are still open to the gospel.

Every country that has come under the "Iron Curtain" is practically closed to the gospel.

Our obligation to give the gospel to all the world still weighs or should rest heavily on the hearts of our people. Our Lord and master said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And now after nineteen hundred years of gospel effort earth's teeming millions may still be described in Paul's language to the Ephesians—Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. We are told in Gods word—"for whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent."

The responsibility of the church is to pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust out laborers into the harvest, and to give of our means to support them while they go with the torch of salvation to earth's lost millions.

This solemn obligation arises from the following considerations— 1. Because all men need the gospel. 2. Because of the world's spiritual destitution. 3. Other religions are inadequate to save men. 4. Because those who have the gospel owe it to all men. 5. Because to evangelize the world is essential to the life of the Christian church. 6. Because of the reflex influence of missions. 7. Because of the urgency of the obligation. 8. This generation is passing away. 9. A time of crisis and opportunity is at hand. 10. Because the forces of evil are working overtime.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner.

Mrs. U. I. Hafer, Associational President of the W.M.U., brought the report on the Women's Missionary Union. The report was adopted upon motion. Mrs. Hafer spoke to her report. (No written report).

The next regular order of business was taken and Bro. Lail led in the singing of "Send the Light."

The moderator presented Bro. A. E. Watts who brought an inspirational sermon.

The Association was recessed for lunch with prayer led by Dr. Huggins.

RECESS.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator and the congregation was led in singing "Standing on the Promises" by Bro. Edsel Smith.

The devotional for the afternoon consisted of quoted Scripture verses by various persons. Bro. S. I. Watts led in prayer.

Since the report on the Baptist Hospital was given during the morning session, the next order of business was the Report on Temperance. Bro. J. R. Lail brought this report and motion was made and passed for its adoption. Bro. Lail spoke to his report in an inspiring manner.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The subject of temperance has been for centuries of prime concern to the God-fearing-Christ-loving people who compose His church in this world. They have withstood its wiles, denounced its evils and fought its advancement. Yet the evil beast of intemperance rears its ugly head in our homes, our churches, in our governments and in our national and international affairs. The mole hill of yesteryear has become a mountain today, threatening the overthrow of our civilization and the damnation of our very souls.

The scriptures portray temperance as a way of life, an attitude towards others and towards ourselves and God (Acts 24:25; Gal. 5:23; 2 Pet. 1:6; I Cor. 9:25; Tit. 2:2). To limit its scope to the field of strong drink is to do an injustice to the scriptures and to rob ourselves of a soul enriching message: nevertheless our minds turn now to the evil of alcohol and its prominence and effects in our world today.

Strong drink holds a position of prominence today never before enjoyed in our generation. It has been socialized and glorified, it has been advertised and publicized, it has been beautified and glamorized, it has been authorized and legalized. Men of influence and position, from emperors and presidents to county officers and city officials (even some church men) have exalted it to the skies. First ladies, movie stars, socialites and even mothers have advocated its use until drinking has become a fad and a custom for our time. Unless you are a drinker you are no longer sociable. Isn't it better to be different for the Lord than to die in the way of the world?

The effects of strong drink are the same yesterday, today and forever. Times and customs never have and never will erase its harms and hurts. Strong drink is no respecter of persons. It works woe and destruction upon all who toy with its bite. It is a mocker and a deceiver, offering much and giving nothing. If the evil and hurt of strong drink through the ages could be flashed on a screen before us this afternoon, our very souls would tremble and our hearts would be crushed with the scene for this evil has been a productive one, hatching out cockatrice eggs and breeding vipers' nests. Strong drink is the head, growing a body composed of a multiplicity of sins too great to number. It has broken more homes, produced more orphans, filled more prisons, populated more courts, made more paupers, wrecked more bodies, built more coffins, blighted more lives and doomed more souls than any other single evil known to the human race.

We have been told to legalize it and in so doing we would remove the evil effects, but reports from every A.B.C. county prove that evil is evil and sin is sin and that liquor is a curse of all curses. We have been told to legalize it and get the benefits of the revenue, but God has said "Woe to

the city that is built upon blood." If our prosperity must be built upon the blood of our people surely the price is too great to pay for the pennies received.

In closing this report I appeal to you as Christians to condemn rather than condone, to stand rather than compromise, to fight rather than pamper this evil of strong drink, because in the end it biteth like a serpent and er this evil of strong drink, because in the end it biteth like a sergent and stingeth like an adder.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Lail.

The report on Christian Literature, not having been given the first day, was brought by Bro. Walter W. Harrington. A motion was made and passed for its adoption. Bro. Harrington spoke to his report.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

"Train up a child in the way he should go" is the command given all parents, church leaders and teachers, whether they be in the Sunday schools or the public schools. Boys and girls are taught **how** to read very early in their training process, but the teaching of **what** to read is sadly neglected.

Baptist have a compelling reason and obligation for giving major attention to religious literature. We believe in personal responsibility and voluntary action. We are ever involved in a raging war **of ideas. The** forces of evil are exploiting the field of literature with well organized and concentrated powers. Baptist must awaken to the urgent need and values of religious literature in the fulfillment of their mission.

The first responsibility is on the parents. They should see that their children have access to the highest type of literature and encourage them to read it. The power of the printed page to form ideals and mold character is great. Books, magazines and papers are being published by the millions today, and these various publications are shaping the thoughts and actions of individuals and nations. A large per cent of these publications are not of the highest type, but instead are filthy trash that is poisoning the minds of our people, especially the youth. We need to do all we can to save our people from this low, harmful, degrading literature.

We can do this in three ways: by teaching the higher values in literature, radio programs and movies; providing the proper type of each; and leading our people in participating in them.

Every church should have a well arranged and equipped library, established and maintained under proper supervision. Our Baptist Book Store handles all such books of the very highest type.

Our Sunday School Board publishes any number of periodicals designed to encourage Bible study, to lead to personal faith in Christ, to cultivate Christian character as well as develop faithful workers and skillful leaders in our churches. One of the best is **Home Life Magazine.** This is for the whole family and should be in every home along with the **Recorder.** Every church should provide these and **Charity and Children** with the Sunday School literature.

The list of Bible Story books is without number. These should be provided by the church in the library, and also by the parents in the home. If we can get our people to read the right kind of literature, they will be led to higher thoughts and nobler deeds. For "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Respectfully submitted,
Walter W. Harrington.

Rev. James M. Hayes, Superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aging, being present, was granted 15 minutes time to present the Report on the Home at Winston-Salem. Bro. Hayes read the report on the Baptist Home and a motion was made and passed for its adoption and printing in the Minutes.

STATEMENT FOR REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING.

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950, session authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. Because of the drive to raise money for the construction of the new wing to the Baptist Hospital, the Convention instructed the committee for the Home not to expect direct help from the Baptist State Convention during the year 1951.

On January 9, the committee on the Home elected Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, superintendent of the Home, and Miss Edna Heinzerling, director of Nurses of the Baptist Hospital, to serve as supervisor of our Home. The committees decided to open the Home for residents when sufficient funds became available to begin.

There are many evidences of the Lord's favor upon the Home thus far. In the first place, He led in making a home immediately available. Ten years ago the trustees of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College leased a three-story, brick-constructed, fireproof building, with an elevator, for a period of 25 years for $1.00 a year. The committee on the Home was able to secure this building for 15 years at the same

rental price. The building accommodates 20 residents at present. The top floor, if completed, would give space for 16 additional residents. The completion of this floor would cost approximately $23,000. With more than 100 applications for admission already received, and inquiries coming almost daily, one can easily see the pressing need of more space.

The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received—furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towels, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, yet it now has assets approximating $50,000, and is not operating in the red.

Our residents range in age from 67 to 91 years, and come from widely scattered sections of North Carolina—from Franklin to Elizabeth City—the mountains to the sea. Regardless of the sections from which they came, they are a happy, congenial family, all rejoicing in the opportunity to live in the Home. The attitude of all the residents is well expressed in the brief statements of Miss Bertha Callaway, former matron of Mills Home Orphanage: "I like this good Christian home"; and of Mrs. Carroll: "I wouldn't exchange it for any other."

The Home offers four things to those who come to live there: security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. With this sort of program, North Carolina Baptists can add years to life, and life to years for those who reside in our Baptist Home for the Aging.

One donor said when he sent his check to the Home: "I believe in this practical kind of Christianity. North Carolina Baptists have waited too long to begin it." Surely it is practical, for Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The committee on the Home has challenged North Carolina Baptists to build a home adequate to meet the need of the increasing number of old people from 65 years up. Their program calls for a million dollar plant, which would accommodate 270 residents. With the Lord leading and North Carolina Baptists cooperating, such a plant should be built and in operation within a few years.

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not." (Psalm 71:18)

The Moderator called for a report of the committees and the Nominating Committee presented the following:

Homer L. Good.....Moderator
James R. Lail.....Vice-Moderator
John L. Wells.....Clerk-Treasurer
Charles E. Echerd.....Historian

The Resolutions Committee presented the following:

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved:

1. That we humbly thank our Heavenly Father for His Mercy and Goodness to us during another year.

2. That we express our sincerest thanks to both the Stony Point and East Taylorsville Churches for their gracious hospitality, lovely fellowship, and bountiful dinners.

3. That we express our appreciation to our Moderator, Bro. H. L. Good, our Clerk, Bro. J. L. Wells, our Pianist, Mrs. Hugh Hines, for their untiring efforts, and to Bro. A. C. Payne, Program Chairman, for the fine program he presented for our use.

4. That we pray the Blessings of God upon every Church and our sin-sick world until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts,
G. S. Hampton, Committee.

Bro. A. C. Payne requested recognition by the body and when recognized by the Moderator, made a motion that the action of yesterday in regard to the deferment of the matter concerning the churches which had withdrawn from the Association be rescinded. The motion was carried and a second motion was made that a letter of dismission be granted the Three Forks Baptist Church that she might unite with the Rocky Face Association. The vote was taken and carried.

A motion was made and carried that the clerk ascertain if the churches that did not send a letter to the Alexander Association had withdrawn, and if so, to erase their names from the roll.

Bro. A. B. Bumgarner made a motion that the Clerk be paid $50.00 per year for his services, and if there were not sufficient funds on hand for this purpose, that he should notify the churches to increase their contributions slightly. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made and passed that the Association stand adjourned until the next regular session to be held in 1952.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Jas. M. Hayes.

ADJOURNMENT

The History of Stony Point Baptist Church as appears in this copy of the minutes of this Association was compiled by Mrs. J. P. Watts for their Home Coming program held on September 23, 1951. The History of East Taylorsville is taken from their regular Church Bulletin as of October 21, 1951.

Chas. E. Echerd, Historian

HISTORY OF STONY POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Stony Point Baptist Church was organized the 3rd day of October, 1909, by a presbytery consisting of Elders: L. Parks Gwaltney, Jay P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, and W. Jeff Bumgarner. There were 23 charter members. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was chosen pastor, and served until November, 1918, when his health forced him to retire. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner followed him, serving until November, 1932. Rev. C. C. Holland was next called. Under his leadership, an educational building was added consisting of 8 rooms, and the Church began half-time services. He resigned the latter part of 1939. Rev. J. D. Whisnant began March 17, 1942, resigning because of failing health. The present pastor, Rev. H. L. Good, began March 1, 1943.

A. W. White was the first clerk, followed by W. Y. Ball, W. C. Grose, W. M. Watts, and the present clerk, Vance Stikeleather.

Under the leadership of the present pastor, a parsonage was bought and remodeled which is now valued at $10,000. The Church auditorium was remodeled with new walls, ceiling, pews, baptistry, organ, piano, the building brick veneered and memorial windows installed.

For the second time in 3 years, the educational building has been enlarged and now has 26 class rooms, 4 rest rooms, and 3 assembly rooms in addition to the main auditorium, which has a central heating plant for the entire building, all at a total cost of around $60,000.

The Church began full time preaching November 6, 1949.

The Church now has 500 members and one of the largest and best equipped Sunday Schools in the county. Full response is given to all denominational movements. Last year, total gifts were $20,000.

HISTORY OF EAST TAYLORSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

East Taylorsville Baptist Church was organized on February 10, 1924. Rev. A. W. Wilcox served as the first pastor. Rev. B. F. Peeler was ordained by the Church and served three inconsistant terms. Others who served as pastors were: Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, Rev. C. C. Holland, Rev. Maurice Baker, Rev. A. E. Watts, and Rev. A. B. Bumgarner, who has been serving since 1946.

There were 13 charter members of this organization which were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Forner, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Earp, Mr. W. J. Fortner, Mr. and Mrs. Ishamel Pennell, Miss Lizie Robinette, Mr. W. J. Robinette, Mrs. Estelle Chapman, and Mr. Parker Pennell. At the end of the first year the church was taken into the Association with 47 members. Mr. S. G. Earp served as the first clerk and Mr. R. L. Chamberlain and Mr. Thad Campbell as deacons. Mr. Lincoln Brown and Mr. Thad Campbell were received under the watchcare of the church at the first service.

The present building was begun on May 20, 1949. The building committee was composed of James White, R. W. Meredith, L. G. Sweet, Maurice Barnes, and Frank Watson. The finance committee was composed of Marvin Bowman, Garfield Childers, Nathan Davis, and Howard Deal. Under the leadership of these and the pastor the first service was held in the new church on December 25, 1949.

During the past 5 years 280 members have been added to the church; 131 by baptism and 149 by letter, making a total of 472 members.

Pastor's salary for the past 5 years has averaged $61.50 per week and the total expenditures for the past 5 years has been $73,338.00.

In Memoriam

BETHANY—Mrs. Elzie Poole, Mrs. Mary Tedder.

BETHLEHEM—Mrs. Alice Davis, Mr. Q. S. Downs.

DAMASCUS—Benny Mason, Mrs. W. J. Page, Commodore S. Johnson, W. Lee Martin.

HIDDENITE—R. L. Grant.

LILEDOUN—Mr. Marvin McAlpine, Mr. Bell Smith, Mrs. Martha McAlpine, Mr. William W. Fox.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Mrs. Julius Millsaps.

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. Donna Orren, Mr. Clarence Robinette.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Zeb Childers.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Nattie Walker, Mr. Jay A. Pennell, Deacon James Foot Robinette, Mrs. Sam Pennell.

STONY POINT—Hubert Gryder, Sam Honeycutt.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mrs. Harvey Childers, Mrs. L. J. Fortner.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Mrs. Julius Campbell, Mrs. T. O. Teague, Sr., Mrs. Charles Watts, Rev. E. C. Shoe, Pastor, Mr. E. D. Harrington.

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association Alexander State North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month) September 19 51

Clerk Rev. John L. Wells Address Hiddenite, N. C.

Moderator Rev. Homer L. Good Address Stony Point, N. C.

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Date of Meeting		Baptisms	Letters and other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Roman Catholics to Join Church in year
Antioch	R	1826	1,2,3,4	James R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	6	7	7	325	50	375	1	40	yes	no	0
Bethany	R	1892	3	L. T. Younger, New Hope	2	...	12	105	66	171	1	111	...	no	0
Bethlehem	R	1871	all	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	11	2	16	226	50	276	2	14	...	.....	0
Beulah	T	1916	all	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	3	3	2	38	24	62	1	0	no	no	0
Calvary	T	1948	all	J. G. Caldwell, N. Wilkesboro, Rt 1.	5	10	10	81	3	84	3	...	no	no	0
Damascus	R	1839	2,4	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, Rt 2	2	0	8	132	37	169	1	...	no	no	0
Dover	.	....	...	(No report, Rocky Face Association).	...	...	...	....	...	....	..	...	...	.....	...
Hiddenite	T	1915	all	J. L. Wells, Hiddenite	2	3	6	118	53	171	1	15	yes	no	0
Island Ford	.	....	...	(No report, Rocky Face Association).	...	...	...	....	...	....	..	...	...	.....	...
Lebanon	R	1884	...	S. I. Watts, Boomer	1	...	1	....	...	80	1	...	...	no	0
Liledoun	V	1906	1,2,3,4	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, Rt 1.	9	...	...	....	...	273	2	...	no	no	0
Linney's Grove	R	1895	2	J. L. Wells, Hiddenite	0	0	4	120	26	146	0	...	no	no	0
Little River	R	1792	1,3	H. I. Johnson, Moravian Falls	6	8	6	149	24	173	2	...	...	no	0
Macedonia	.	....	...	(No report, Rocky Face Association).	...	...	...	....	...	....	..	...	...	.....	...
Millersville	V	1923	1,3	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	...	...	...	....	...	50	2	...	no	no	0
Mt. Herman	R	1912	2,4	No Pastor	1	...	8	200	40	240	1	...	no	no	0
Mt. Olive	.	....	...	(No report, Rocky Face Association).	...	...	...	....	...	....	..	...	...	.....	...
Oxford Memorial	R	1942	2,4	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	15	9	6	97	22	143	1	8	no	no	0
Pilgrim	R	1837	1,3	No Pastor	5	1	6	....	...	261	1	...	...	.....	0
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	1,3	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	6	4	9	168	44	212	2	...	...	.....	0
Poplar Springs	R	1872	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	2	...	7	....	...	193	2	...	no	no	0
Rocky Creek	.	....	...	(No report, Rocky Face Association).	...	...	...	....	...	....	..	...	...	.....	...
Rocky Face	.	....	...	(No report, Rocky Face Association).	...	...	...	....	...	....	..	...	...	.....	...
Smyrna	R	1923	1,2,3,4	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	6	6	8	....	...	121	1	...	yes	no	0
Stony Point	T	1909	all	H. L. Good, Stony Point	40	15	10	....	...	492	2	150	...	.....	0
Taylorsville, East	T	1924	all	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	28	31	11	....	...	472	2	...	no	no	0
Taylorsville, First	T	1851	all	F. A. Bower (interim) Morganton	6	4	26	292	104	396	0	68	yes	yes	0
Three Forks	.	....	...	(No report, Rocky Face Association).	...	...	...	....	...	....	..	...	...	.....	...
Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	156	103	164	2051	543	4560	29	295	...	.....	...

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT Rev. A. B. Bumgarner SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers not counted Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2	..	19	37	38	41	36	35	114	..	4	324	188	104	95
Bethany	B. L. Carpenter, Pores Knob, Rt 1	..	...	...	7	8	...	21	20	..	..	56	45	...	...
Bethlehem	Hal Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 1	..	...	22	19	17	24	20	60	..	..	160	100	109	...
Beulah	Henry L. McDuffie, Taylorsville	..	...	15	...	19	...	19	21	..	..	74	51	...	...
Calvary	Tom Smith, Taylorsville	..	...	22	18	24	13	...	41	..	..	118	74	...	...
Damascus	R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt 2	..	3	8	8	6	10	7	30	..	..	72	38	...	...
Dover	(No report)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Hiddenite	H. D. Fincannon, Hiddenite	10	6	10	9	11	12	25	52	2	3	128	98	68	63
Island Ford	(No report)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt 2	..	...	13	9	10	...	21	...	..	..	53	34	...	...
Liledoun	Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 1	..	...	30	20	39	30	42	89	..	..	250	194	...	...
Linney's Grove	Fred Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt 2	..	...	9	...	12	12	22	24	..	..	79	55	...	...
Little River	Mrs. Burgin Walker, Taylorsville, Rt 2	10	...	14	...	13	10	14	43	..	..	134	66	...	...
Macedonia	(No report)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Millersville	Mrs. Foye Icenhour, Taylorsville	..	...	...	15	12	10	...	27	..	..	...	35	...	...
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	..	...	22	12	15	15	25	70	..	7	165	125	68	64
Mt. Olive	(No report)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Oxford Memorial	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	..	6	10	12	15	18	12	22	..	..	98	78	...	...
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, New Hope	..	7	24	11	17	19	35	63	..	2	178	109	...	...
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt 3	..	...	17	...	18	...	15	35	..	..	85	46	...	...
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, Taylorsville	..	...	...	18	18	10	...	24	..	..	100	68	...	...
Rocky Creek	(No report)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Rocky Face	(No report)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Smyrna	Earl Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2	..	11	10	13	10	13	19	46	..	..	123	76	41	34
Stony Point	W. C. Grose, Statesville, Rt 6	16	19	28	28	44	37	38	210	..	32	452	275	...	...
Taylorsville, East	James P. McDuffie, Taylorsville	11	24	20	30	51	38	28	96	14	6	316	176	200	122
Taylorsville, First	David C. Campbell, Taylorsville	..	17	17	19	37	28	2	127	..	..	247	152	112	91
Three Forks	(No report)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Totals		47	112	328	286	437	335	399	1314	16	54	3312	2081	702	469

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR: Lucy Thompson TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery Units	Beginners Units	Primary Units	Junior Units	Intermediate Units	Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Calvary	J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	5	..	10	..	..	9	..	16	3	38	35
Hiddenite	Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	5	9	..	..	8	6	12	22	3	60	48
Liledoun	.....(No report).....	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..
Mt. Herman	Kenneth Kerley, Taylorsville	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	10	10	14	2	36	20
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	12	18	15	7	12	2	66	..
Pilgrim	Jessie Millsaps, Hiddenite	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	12	13	..	12	2	45	30
Smyrna	Faye Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 1.	1	.	.	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	6	4	10	10	..	34	..
Stony Point	Nancy Alexander, Stony Point	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	..	19	..	22	19	22	15	9	106	63
Taylorsville, East	Frank Watson, Taylorsville	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	..	10	10	17	16	10	21	5	90	50
Taylorsville, First	Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	10	12	18	10	20	3	73	35
Totals	.....	3	3	5	8	9	7	9	44	13	39	36	100	105	81	144	28	550	278

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT: Mrs. U. L. Hafer PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	R. A. Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithes All Organizations
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Granite Falls, Rt 1.	1	.	1	.	.	2	16	..	5	..	..	21	..	9
Hiddenite	Miss Ethel Mae Goble, Hiddenite	2	1	1	..	..	4	36	13	13	..	..	62	..	12
Stony Point	Mrs. R. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	1	2	1	1	8	63	12	30	24	28	157	75	64
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville	2	.	.	.	.	2	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. Henkle Mills, Taylorsville	1	1	2	.	1	5	80	9	32	..	16	137	50	48
Totals	.....	9	3	6	1	2	20	225	34	80	24	44	377	125	133

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS EDUCATION ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure For Missions	Grand Total Expenditure For All Purposes
Antioch	Vance Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2	123	8	47	31	70	...	67	141	...	468	8853
Bethany	J. D. Costner, Pores Knob	....	..	...	100	....	...	107	22	...	229	1030
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 2	....	..	133	...	....	...	110	37	14	283	4831
Beulah	Mrs. Escar Bowman, Taylorsville	....	..	35	...	25	...	33	34	11	137	1470
Calvary	R. C. Walker, Taylorsville	12	..	...	...	....	...	89	34	53	189	1780
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt 2	....	..	...	...	71	...	81	26	...	178	2458
Dover	(No report)	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Hiddenite	R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite	24	.7	65	7	109	104	391	102	2	812	7166
Island Ford	(No report)	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt 2	....	..	...	...	58	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Liledoun	Devon Dyson, Taylorsville, Rt 1	....	..	60	...	60	...	55	98	95	368	6283
Linney's Grove	S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite, Rt 1	....	..	...	...	....	...	16	33	...	49	560
Little River	Mrs. J. H. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2	30	..	72	...	....	...	53	20	...	175	2695
Macedonia	(No report)	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville	....	..	10	...	12	...	35	45	10	112	272
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	15	..	...	...	90	...	180	180	...	....	.....
Mt. Olive	(No report)	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Oxford Memorial	Doris Anderson, Lenoir, Rt 2	....	..	...	...	....	...	54	52	...	202	1823
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, New Hope	....	..	...	...	8	90	[illegible]	....	...	....	930
Pleasant Hill	Paul Harrington, Taylorsville	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 2	....	..	...	...	46	...	99	16	...	161	2400
Rocky Creek	(No report)	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Rocky Face	(No report)	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Smyrna	Samuel Teague, Hickory	132	..	33	15	15	...	157	47	...	399	4040
Stony Point	Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point	475	..	267	108	110	...	592	300	...	1853	18247
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Ruby Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2	....	..	...	...	221	30	336	84	...	671	13267
Taylorsville, First	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	687	..	71	97	172	...	289	172	187	1674	74359
Three Forks	(No report)	....	..	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	....	.....
Totals		1498	15	793	358	1067	224	2762	1443	372	7960	152464

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	WHERE HELD	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1887	Macedonia.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1888	Antioch.....	J. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1889	Bethel.....	J. B. Poole.....	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1890	Concord.....	D. W. Poole.....	L. P. Gwaltney.	T. A. Hudson....
1891	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1892	Taylorsville.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1893	Bethlehem.....	J. P. Gwaltney..	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1894	Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Shaver....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1895	Pleasant Hill.....	C. Durham.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1896	Pilgrim.....	D. W. Poole.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1897	Sulphur Springs....	J. A. White.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1898	Little River.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1899	Linney's Grove.....	J. J. Reach.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1900	Lebanon.....	D. W. Poole.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1901	Three Forks.....	R. L. Davis.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1902	Taylor Springs.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1903	Poplar Springs.....	R. L. Davis.....	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1904	Macedonia.....	O. A. Keller....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1905	Antioch.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1906	Bethel.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1907	Bethlehem.....	R. Lee Davis....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1908	Concord.....	W. E. Linney....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1909	Damascus.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1910	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1911	Lebanon.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1912	Linney's Grove.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1913	Taylorsville.....	Lloyd Teague....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1914	Stony Point.....	W. E. Linney....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1915	Mt. Olive.....	D. W. Pool.....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1916	Pilgrim.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1917	Mt. Herman.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1918	.....	.....	J. W. Watts....	.....
1919	Sulphur Springs....	B. F. Austin....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1920	Three Forks.....	T. H. Williams..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1921	Taylor Springs.....	T. E. Payne.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1922	Macedonia.....	L. E. Barnes....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1923	Bethany.....	J. W. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1924	Concord.....	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1925	Taylorsville.....	J. M. McAlpine..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1926	Antioch.....	.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	W. E. White.....
1927	Mt. Olive.....	J. H. Boggs.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1928	Pleasant Grove.....	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1929	Mt. Hebron.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney,	R. B. McLeod....
1930	White Plains.....	C. C. Holland...	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1931	Pleasant Hill.....	J. L. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1932	Sulphur Springs....	S. I. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1933	Macedonia.....	A. T. Howell....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1934	Little River.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1935	Hiddenite.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1936	Fairview.....	F. A. Pennell...	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1937	Taylorsville, East.	Lee James.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1938	Three Forks.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1939	Linney's Grove.....	C. C. Holland...	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1940	Bethlehem.....	T. L. Blalock...	A. E. Watts....	G. L. Chatham...
1941	Pilgrim.....	J. C. Gwaltney..	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1942	Antioch.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1943	Damascus.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1944	Taylorsville, First	Homer L. Good...	E. C. Shoe.....	W. C. Grose.....
1945	Stony Point.....	Howard J. Ford..	E. C. Shoe.....	Homer L. Good...
1946	Damascus.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Three Forks.....	.....	.....	.....
1947	Taylorsville, East.	A. E. Watts.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Taylor Springs.....	.....	.....	.....
1948	Poplar Springs.....	A. B. Bumgarner.	Homer L. Good..	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....
1949	Antioch.....	W. O. Johnson...	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite.....	.....	.....	.....
1950	Liledoun.....	J. A. Icenhour..	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells.....
	Mt. Herman.....	.....	.....	.....
1951	Stony Point.....	J. L. Wells.....	H. L. Good.....	J. L. Wells.....
	Taylorsville, East.	.....	.....	.....

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ANTIOCH—V. W. Teague, R. A. Little, John Teague.

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BEULAH—H. L. McDuffie, Robert Settlemyre, Escar E. Bowman.

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CALVARY—Rev. J. G. Cardwell, Mrs. Ruby Brown, Mrs. Theoda Watts.

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HIDDENITE—Mrs. Mack Kerley, Mrs. H. L. Hines, W. O. Warren.

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. J. Horace Bumgarner, Kenneth Davis, Theodora Rogers.

LEBANON—C. D. Poole, James Watts, Tessie Chapman.

LILEDOWN—Not listed in church letter.

LINNEYS GROVE—S. D. Gwaltney, L. A. Childers, Mrs. Winova McLain.

MILLERSVILLE—G. S. Hampton, Ben Thompson, Mrs. Faye Icenhour.

MT. HERMAN—P. E. Johnson, Flake Dyson, Willie D. Johnson.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mrs. Clarence Caldwell, Mrs. Haden Reid, Doris Anderson.

PILGRIM—Paul Mayberry, Rose Baity, Richard Bustle.

PLEASANT HILL—Paul Harrington, Tommy Daniels, Walter Harrington.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Ray Rogers, Butler Chapman, Carl Robinette.

SMYRNA—Rowe Teague, Earl Teague, R. F. Teague.

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TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mrs. Butler Chapman, Mrs. Alonzo Davis, Mrs. Elizah Keller, Miss Evelyn Keller.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—A. C. Payne, H. Baxford, Wilson D. Brookshire.

Constitution

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Membership

ARTICLE III. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body ,not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

Powers and Prerogatives

ARTICLE IV. The Association may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

ARTICLE V. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advice when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans for usefulness to be adopted.

ARTICLE VI. The expense of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

Government

ARTICLE VIII. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XI. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

ARTICLE X. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the last day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

ARTICLE XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing and

distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

ARTICLE XIV. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

ARTICLE XV. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, appoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

ARTICLE XVI. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

ARTICLE XVII. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon.

ARTICLE XVIII. It shall be the duty of the program committee to prepare and publish a program for each annual session, consisting of a list of subjects or questions, and assign the same to speakers for discussion not less than thirty days prior to each annual meeting of the association

ARTICLE XIX. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

ARTICLE XX. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolutions of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

ARTICLE XXI. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, historian, and chairman of the committee on nominations, shall form an executive board for the supervision of the work and the business of the association between sessions.

ARTICLE XXII. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCHES

In view of the fact that Baptist Churches which make up Baptist Associations are held together by the same democratic principles as the

local Church and that the work of the Association is on the volunteer and cooperative basis, and in view of the fact that some people rush hurriedly into the matter of organizing churches without due regard to location or circumstances in relationship to other churches already established:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Asociation in its annual session at Damascus Church October 6, 1943, named a committee, consisting of three pastors and two laymen (with the moderator as ex-officio member) to work with any group wishing to constitute a new church within the county.

Note 1. That the purpose of this policy is not to hinder the organization of new churches but to give council and support to such a movement, if in the wisdom of the committee a new church is needed at the time and place suggested by interested parties.

2. That no church need apply for membership in said Association unless it has indorsement of said committee.

3. That this resolution be printed in minutes of each successive Association.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Since the ordination of a Baptist minister may directly affect the life and work of Baptist churches other than the church calling for such ordination, therefore, be it resolved: That the Alexander Baptist Association in its annual meeting at Damascus Church October 6, 1943 name a committee of pastors and deacons to its in council with a sister church in a matter of examining a brother for the high calling of the ministry.

1. The local church is the proper ordaining body.

2. Ministers should have the recognition of the denomination, and hence the Association should be represented by a proper committee in the ordaining of a Baptist minister. Such a committee should be named at each annual Association.

3. No church within the Association should ordain any person without the advice and consent of said committee.

4. Candidates for the ministry should satisfy the committee as to regeneration, (or salvation), call to the ministry, to preparation and ability, doctrinal views, and a willingness to cooperate in the Faith and work "Once and for all delivered unto the saints."

5. That this resolution be printed in the minutes of each successive Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Shoe.

Officers And Committees

Moderator, J. R. Lail ..... Route 2 Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk-Treasurer, Miss Marcella Hines ..... Hiddenite, N. C.
Historian, Charles E. Echerd ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
S. S. Supt., A. B. Bumgarner ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
B. T. U. Director, Miss Lucy Thompson ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
W. M. U. Supt., Mrs. Henkle Mills ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Hospital Representative, A. E. Watts ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Orphanage Representative, Jeffie Daniels ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Religious Literature Representative, A. C. Payne ..... Taylorsville, N. C.

TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

Associate Director ..... Pender Caldwell
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite, N. C.
Group Leaders ..... Kenneth Kerley, Faye Teague
Department Leaders:
Adult ..... Fred Johnson
Young People ..... Edsel Smith, Stony Point, N. C.
Intermediate ..... Mrs. Earl Teague
Junior ..... Dawson Beckham
Story Hour ..... Mrs. Vance Stikeleather
Pastor-Advisor ..... Rev. J. L. Wells, Hiddenite, N. C.
Chorister ..... Maurice Barnes
Pianist ..... Kathryn Johnson Bowman

COMMITTEES

Nominations: John Teague, Jeffie Daniels, Mrs. Mack Kerley.
Resolutions: Peter Johnson, Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Alonzo Davis.
Program: David Boaz, Earl Teague, Mrs. Turner Walker.
Time, Place, Preacher: A. C. Payne, Ben Thompson, Charlie Echerd.

VISITORS

Rev. J. C. Canipe, Miss Mabel Starnes, Tommy Canipe, Rovilla Myers, Gardner-Webb College; Miss Amy Heinzerling, Resthaven, Mr. Claude Gaddy, Executive Secretary Council on Christian Education, Eugene Olive, Wake Forest College; J. R. Nelson, Mars Hill College; C. C. Burris, Wingate College, C. W. Bazemore, Ass't Editor Biblical Recorder, Brother Waters, pastor Catawba Baptist Church, South Fork Association, Garland Hendrix, Gardner-Webb College, Mrs. Daphne Boone, Miss Marjorie Webb. South Yadkin Association, W. Gordon Wilson, pastor, Prospect Church, Sandy Run Association. W. S. Luck, Greensboro Community Church; Rev. V. H. Harold, retired, Winston-Salem First Baptist Church; Delores Short, Charlotte Bayne, Ann Poplin, Bill Horton, Wingate College, Dr. W. K. McGee Baptist Hospital.

Church Directory

ANTIOCH—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Clerk, Warren Keller, Taylorsville; Treas. Dewey P. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt. Wayne R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

BETHANY—Pastor, J. D. Whisnant, Taylorsville; Clerk, J. D. Costner, Pores Knob; Treas. Mrs. Edd Hendren, Pores Knob, Rt. 1; S. S. Supt. B. L. Carpenter, Pores Knob, Rt. 1.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk, R. Lee Teague; Treas. Arthur Bowman, Hickory, Rt. 3; S. S. Supt. Hal Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 1.

BEULAH—Pastor, Oscar C. Tucker, Lincolnton; Clerk, Mrs. Escar Bowman, Taylorsville; Treas., Bertha Vickers, Taylorsville; S. S. Snpt. Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville.

CALVARY—Pastor, J. G. Cardwell, North Wilkesboro, Rt. 1; Clerk, Ralph C. Walker, Taylorsville; Treas. Mrs. Fannie Gant, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt. Tom Smith, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS—Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Harmony, Rt. 2; Clerk, Miss Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2; Treas. Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt. R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt. 2.

HIDDENITE—Pastor, Ivory V. Couch, Hiddenite; Clerk, R. G. Gooden, Hiddenite; Treas. D. L. Kerley, Hiddenite; S. S. Supt. R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, Rt. 3.

LEBANON—Pastor, J. D. Whisnant, Taylorsville; Clerk, C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treas. Mrs. Claude Kerley, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt. C. D. Poole.

LILEDOUN—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, Rt. 2; Clerk, Devon W. Dyson, Taylorsville, Rt. 1; Treas. Vance Stafford, Taylorsville, Rt. 1; S. S. Supt. Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt. 1.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Clerk, S. D. Gwaltney, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; Treas. L. A. Childers, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; S. S. Supt. Fred Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt. 2.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor, H. I. Johnson, Moravain Falls; Clerk, Mrs. J. Horace Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Treas. W. M. Childers, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt. Mrs. Burgin Walker, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, John Houser, Hickory; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville; Treas. Mrs. Odell Icenhour, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt. Mrs. Faye Icenhour, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN—Pastor, Herman Johnson, Moravain Falls; Clerk, P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treas. Willie D. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt. Kenneth Kerley, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor, S. I. Watts, Boomer; Clerk, Doris Anderson, Lenoir, Rt. 2; Treas. G. C. Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt. Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

PILGRIM—Pastor, T. M. Luffman, Jonesville; Clerk, D. C. Johnson, Statesville, Rt. 2; Treas. Waitsel Johnson, Hiddenite, Rt. 1; S. S. Supt. Paul Mayberry, New Hope.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Clerk, Paul Harrington, Taylorsville; Treas. Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt. 3; S. S. Supt. Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt. 3.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treas. Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt. Earl Robinette, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, James R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Clerk, Rowe Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 1; Treas. Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover, Rt. 1; S. S. Supt. Earl Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 2.

STONY POINT—Pastor, Homer L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point; Treas. Howard Norton, Stony Point; S. S. Supt. Homer Estes, Stony Point.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Pastor, A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville; Clerk, Miss Snookie Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2; Treas. Miss Louise Deal, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt. Jim McDuffie, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Pastor, David C. Boaz, Taylorsville; Clerk, A. C. Payne, Taylorsville; Treas. Silas W. Bennett, Taylorsville; S. S. Supt. David C. Campbell, Taylorsville.

Proceedings

Sixty-Fifth Annual Session

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 8th and 9th, 1952

The sixthy-fifth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association was held with Taylorsville First and Smyrna Baptist churches on October 8th and 9th, 1952. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Homer L. Good.

Brother Bill Campbell led the congregation in singing "O Worship the King" and "At the Cross." Rev. S. I. Watts led in the devotional by reading some selected verses of scripture and led in prayer.

There were 20 churches answering to the roll call.

Brother A. C. Payne made a motion that the messengers be seated in fellowship.

At this time the visitors were recognized and their names appear elsewhere in the minutes.

Rev. A. B. Bumgarner, program chairman, made a motion to accept the following program.

The necessary committees were appointed at this time and are listed elsewhere in the minutes.

We were favored at this time by a trio from Wingate College who sang "Breathe on Me".

Brother J. C. Canipe gave a very interesting talk using as his subject —Program for a Baptist Church.

Miss Lucy Thompson gave a report on the Baptist Training Union and motion was made and passed for its adoption. Miss Mabel Starnes, of Gardner-Webb College, spoke to the report.

Tommy Canipe and Rovilla Myers from Gardner-Webb College were recognized at the Training Union Report at this time and rendered a musical selection, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

TRAINING UNION REPORT

Miss Amy Heinzerling from Resthaven gave a report on the Home. After motion for adoption was made and passed, Miss Heinzerling spoke to her report.

Resthaven Report

Brother Campbell led the congregation at this time in singing.

A trio from Wingate College rendered a musical selection, "Open Mine Eyes."

Rev. David Boaz was recognized at this time and welcomed to the association.

Rev. J. R. Lail delivered the sermon using as his subject, "Preview Portrait of Church of Christ."

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Alexander Association of Baptists, meeting with First Baptist Church, Taylorsville on Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October 1952, and the following day with Smyrna Bautist Church.

Theme:

"THY KINGDOM COME THROUGH . . ."

Song Director.....Billy Rowe Campbell
Pianist.....Mrs. H. L. Hines

Wednesday, A. M., October 8, 1952

10:00 Worship in Song
10:05 Reading of the Scripture and prayer.....S. I. Watts
10:15 Roll Call of Churches, Recognition of Visitors,
Adoption of Program, Appointment of Committees.
10:35 Evangelism.....J. C. Canipe
Secretary of Evangelism
11:00 Training.....Miss Lucy Thompson
11:20 Ministering to the Aged.....Herman Johnson
11:45 Worship in Song
11:50 Reading of the Scripture.....Irvin Wallace
11:50 Sermon.....J. R. Lail
RECESS

Wednesday Afternoon

1:45 Worship in Song
1:50 Reading of the Scripture and Prayer.....Paul Goble
2:00 Healing.....Otha Warren
2:25 Christian Education.....A. E. Watts
2:55 Woman's Missionary Union.....Mrs. Henkle Mills
3:20 Miscellaneous Business—Report of Committees—
Election of Officers.
ADJOURN

Thursday, A. M., October 9, 1952

10:00 Worship in Song
10:05 Reading of Scripture and Prayer.....J. A. Icenhour
10:15 Christian Literature.....Otto Johnson
10:40 Good Government.....J. L. Wells
11:05 Teaching.....David Boaz
11:30 Worship in Song
11:35 Missions.....A. C. Payne
RECESS

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Worship in Song
1:35 Reading of Scripture and Prayer.....Earl Teague
1:45 Bible Schools.....Fred Lane
2:05 Dedicated Men.....Fred Johnson
2:30 Sharing with the Orphans.....Jeffie Daniels
2:55 Miscellaneous Business
3:05 Closing Meditations.....Howard Ford
ADJOURN

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

Progress has been made in our Baptist Training Union work in Alexander Association during the year. Attendance in the associational meetings has been the best we have ever had with 208 present at the 1951 M night meeting at Hiddenite and 292 present in the March meeting at East Taylorsville church. Our goal is 300 for 1952 M night at Taylorsville First church December 8.

For the first time Alexander Association was represented in all five tournaments for the different age groups at our regional convention at Mt. Airy this year. Miss Kay Warren, of Hiddenite church, won the Young People's Better Speaker Tournament. Four Juniors, Barbara Ann Grant, Norma Jean Warren, Jerry Dellinger and Dale Warren, also of Hiddenite church, won in the Junior Memory Work Drill. The first three were state winners but Dale Warren was unable to take part in the state meeting.

Another first was our Central Training School at the First church, Taylorsville, the first week in June with members from 7 churches attending. Our state department, workers from Caldwell and Brushy Moun-

tain associations, local pastors and workers cooperated to make it a memorable week.

One new Training Union has been organized at Fairview church. However, many in our association are still missing this part of an effective Baptist church. A pastor in another state suggests that if Baptists were graded in Christian education by the public school method, 90% of us would be in the fourth grade. Training Union will change that picture as we study facts concerning the Bible, world needs and our opportunities as fellow workers with Christ Jesus. Each associational officer is eager to help every church have a training program that we all may be better trained, consecrated, doctrinally sound members of His church.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Thompson.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR THE AGING — RESTHAVEN, Winston-Sa'em, N. C.

Operation of Resthaven was begun March 16, 1951. Soon after the opening, it was filled to capacity, twenty residents. When the news spread of the beginning, applications began to accumulate rapidly. To date, there have been close to 500 inquiries. Had there been rooms available, and all applicants could have made financial arrangement, our Home would had 200 residents instead of only twenty at present.

There is encouraging prospect of getting the top floor of the present building completed, which will provide space for fifteen additional residents. The cost of this enlargement project has been underwritten by a business man of Winston-Salem, who is not a Baptist. This same friend has already donated a television set, and has concreted the basement of the Home.

Our residents range in age from 64 to 92 years, and come from widely scattered sections of our State—Franklin to Elizabeth City. All rejoice in the opportunity to be in the Home. Here are some of their statements:

"I like this good Christian Home and all the family. I would not exchange it for any other in all the world."—Mrs. J. L. Smith, coming from Franklin.

"This 'more than we expected' about this Home makes us all hope and pray that more men and women may come to enjoy its many blessings."—Miss Ella Moffett, coming from Southern Pines.

"I never thought I would be so happy in my last years of life."—John Holt, age 92, coming from Wilson Mills.

In spite of the fact that Resthaven did not receive financial assistance last year from the Baptist State Convention (except a loan which was repaid), it was operated clear of a deficit. How did this happen? By the Lord laying our needs upon the hearts of friends and causing

them to respond. Of course, the Home was compelled to charge the cost of keep from the residents who came on the monthly-pay plan. The income from this source, together with that coming from residents giving property or cash for their maintenance, plus donations by churches and auxiliary organizations and friends, enabled the Home to pay its way and to accumulate assets in excess of $100,000.00.

Beginning the year 1952, with the new Nine Year Program, our Home receives three-fourths of 1% of the funds to be divided. From this source has come less than $500.00 per month since January of this year. The Home is estimated to receive a total of approximately $500,000.00 in NINE YEARS. It is apparent, therefore, that slow provision for enlarged facilities will be made to accommodate the hundreds of aging people who want to come to our Home, unless funds come from other sources than our denominational program as it now operates.

Our Home presents a great challenge to North Carolina Baptists to provide adequate facilities. There are probably 100,000 people in our State past 65 years of age, and a large number of these are of Baptist faith. We must make provision as time and finances permit for these aging Baptists. Since Baptists of our State now number more than 700,000 in membership, we are well able to make such provision. If every Baptist would give an average of $1.00 to our Home in one year, we could raise $700,000.00 and not one person would suffer hardship. As soon as a practical and adequate plan of support can be agreed upon, it is reasonable to expect that our Baptist Home will be worthily supported.

Many suggestions have been made as to the best plan of supporting our Home. Among them are: (1) Fifth Sunday offerings through the Sunday schools, as the Virginia Baptist Home plan; (2) special day offering, as the Mother's Day plan for our Baptist Hospital; and (3) putting the Home in the local church budget, and appealing to the churches that have no budget for at least one special offering a year.

Either of these plans, supplemented by such special gifts as may come from individuals and corporations, and provision made in wills, would enable the Home to make reasonable progress, and thus enlarge our facilities on the pay-as-you-go plan.

We are closing our report with a statement made by a prominent furniture manufacturer, Mr. B. C. Philpott, of Lexington, N. C.

> "I consider this one of the most important forward steps the Baptists of North Carolina have taken in a long time, because it is indeed a great move and one that has been neglected all too long.
>
> Mrs. Philpott and I want to have a part in this fine undertaking, and herewith you will find my check for one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars, which we desire used as a memorial to our son, B. C. Philpott, Jr.
>
> May the Lord continue to bless you in such a noble work."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

Prepared by:
James M. Hayes, Supt.

The session was recessed for lunch which was served by the host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

First Day

Brother Bill Campbell led the congregation in singing "There is a Fountain" and "Amazing Grace."

Brother Paul Goble led in the devotional by reading a Scripture passage and leading in prayer.

Brother Otha Warren made motion that the hospital report be adopted without being read and the motion carried. Dr. McGee from the hospital spoke about the work.

Due to illness of Rev. A. E. Watts there was no written report on Christian Education. Mr. Claude Gaddy spoke on Christian Education and introduced the following:

Eugene Olive—Wake Forest College
J. R. Nelson—Mars Hill College
C. C. Burris—Wingate College

The trio from Wingate rendered "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

Mr. C. W. Bazemore being unable to attend the second day spoke on Christian Literature.

Mrs. Henkle Mills gave a report on Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Mills moved the adoption of the report and motion carried and she spoke to her report.

Brother David Boaz presented the following resolution.

Resolution was adopted by the association as made by Brother Boaz which eliminates the resolution on constitution of churches and ordination of ministers adopted by the association at Damascus in 1943.

The nominating committee presented the following.

J. R. Lail.....Moderator
Marcella Hines.....Clerk-Treasurer
Charles E. Echerd.....Historian

Motion was made and carried to accept the report of the nominating committee.

Brother J. R. Lail made motion to change Article #10, page 4, to read first day instead of last day for election of officers, the motion carried.

Brother Charles Echerd made motion to adjourn and the session adjourned to meet on Thursday with Smyrna Baptist Church.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL—1952

"And he healed many that were sick"—(Mark 1:34). This statement refers to the ministry of Jesus when he was here in the flesh. Also, it describes the ministry of our Baptist Hospital today, where hundreds of sick people go each week in search of relief from disease and sickness of almost every nature. In many cases they go as a last resort when hope has all but failed.

"And a certain woman, which . . . had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse . . . came"—(Mark 5:25). Here, again, this statement concerning the woman who made her way to Jesus is the oft repeated story to those who work at our Baptist Hospital. They come saying, "We have spent all our money and we are still sick. Can our Baptist Hospital help us?"

It is the business of our Hospital to do all in its power to say, "Yes", to these pleas which come out of sickness and poverty. It is our opportunity through our Mother's Day Offerings to make it possible for our Hospital to answer these calls for help from those who have little or no money. Last year, more than 10,000 people were cared for as bed patients in our Hospital. There were 95,000 visits made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. A large number of these were people who could not pay for the care they received. Much of this service could not have been provided without the help of our Mother's Day Offerings.

The construction of the new wing to the Hospital is now well advanced. This will greatly enlarge our ministry to the sick, adding 150 new beds and many other badly needed facilities.

Our Baptist State Convention will meet in Winston-Salem, November 11-13. This will be an excellent opportunity for many of us to visit our Hospital. We shall be interested in seeing the new building, as well as the entire Hospital. Arrangements will be made for visitors to get from the meetings of the Convention to the Hospital and for guided tours through the Hospital. Plan to attend the convention and visit our Baptist Hospital if at all possible.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"—(Matt. 25:40). Let us give our best in the name of our Lord in meeting the opportunity to help sick people who need the service of our Baptist Hospital.

Hospital Representative.

CAPSULE HISTORY

The N. C. Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient on May 28, 1923. The present site of eleven acres is located in the Ardmore section of Winston-Salem.

Originally built as an 80-bed institution, the hospital was enlarged in 1942 to a capacity of 250 beds and 50 bassinets. A nurses Home, Outpatient Building, new West Wing, Children's Wing, and laundry building have been added to the original plant. The medical school was built adjoining the hospital in 1941.

The hospital admitted 10,491 persons as bed patients and rendered a total of 92,177 days of patient care in 1951.

The new South Wing is now under construction and should be completed by the middle of 1953. It will increase the capacity of the hospital to 450 beds, including bassinets.

MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Wake Forest College Medical School was expanded from a two-year to a full four-year medical school in 1941 and renamed the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College in recognition of the benefactor who made the expansion possible. The resources of the Bowman Gray Foundation were awarded the college to be used exclusively for the medical school which is supported from the general budget of Wake Forest College, the resources of the Foundation, and the James A. Gray Trust Fund which subsequently was established for this purpose.

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

The school of nursing began operation with the opening of the hospital in 1923 and graduated its first class in 1926. A total of 505 students have graduated since then in 26 classes. Normal enrollment in the school is about 150. It is fully approved by the N. C. Board of Nurse Examiners.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

The hospital is the property of North Carolina Baptists and is the concrete expression of their desire to minister to the whole person. A patient's need for pastoral care is increased rather than lessened by his illness. To meet this need, the hospital has a full Department of Religion with a director, two chaplains and a student secretary. Their duties consist of pastoral care for the patients and their families, the promotion of a religious program for nurses and medical students, including the teaching of Bible in the School of Nursing, and the conducting of a program of Clinical Pastoral Training for pastors and theological students.

The chaplains are on call 24 hours a day at the hospital.

Sunday School

Is conducted in the amphitheatre from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday for patients, visitors, hospital personnel and student nurses, and a

class for children is held in the pediatrics ward. The services are sponsored by the Christian Student Union organization of the hospital in cooperation with Ardmore Baptist Church.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERINGS

Funds received each year in Mother's Day Offerings are used exclusively to help pay the hospital expenses of those patients who can pay only part of their hospitalization or nothing at all. Receipts from the churches in Mother's Day Offerings in 1951 totaled $157,130.88. This total includes the value of linens and funds for linens contributed through Woman's Missionary Unions. Approximately forty per cent of the bed-patient care and all service rendered through the Out-Patient Department was done without doctor's fees and with the assistance of the Mother's Day Offering.

The hospital provided free service in the amount of $456,788.50 to needy persons in 1951. This was rendered to patients in the hospital and the out-patient clinic and was made possible by individual contributions, welfare agencies, The Duke Endowment—and, mainly, through the Mother's Day Offering.

AND SPEAKING OF FIGURES

You might be interested in knowing that . . . .

An average of four babies per day are born at Baptist Hospital, which makes a total of well over a thousand new citizens each year.

44,319 diagnostic X-Ray films were made and 3,240 X-Ray therapy treatments were given in 1951.

The mailman brings 135 pounds of mail to the hospital and medical school in a single day.

The medical school has graduated 383 doctors since it was opened in 1941.

The dietary department serves 1,949 meals per day.

It prepares approximately 80 special diets and formulas for 45 babies per day.

The daily food service costs about $900.00 for such items as 80 pounds of bacon, 90 dozen eggs, 575 quarts of milk, 130 loaves of bread.

An average of 15 operations are performed each day or 5,371 last year.

The bookmobile makes 312 trips per year and circulates 3,600 books and 12,000 magazines to the patients.

The pharmacy fills between 50 and 60 prescriptions each day.

The laundry finishes 2,480 pounds of laundry per day, including 207 nurses' uniforms.

The emergency room receives 25 visits each day or 9,053 last year.

It takes 525 emloyees to keep the work of the hospital going each day.

It takes 5½ tons of coal per day.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

W. M. U. is an organization within the church with its purpose that of organizing the women of the Church for Christian service. The types of service promoted by Woman's Missionary Union today are the same as those rendered by women of New Testament days.

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Susana gave financial aid to help carry on the work of Jesus, Luke 8:1-3. During this year our women and young people have reported approximately $750 given to missions. This does not include any gifts made through the Co-operative program.

Dorcus was "full of good works," Acts 9:36. As our women have ministered to those in our community they have carried the message of Christ and made definite efforts in soul winning.

Lydia was converted in a woman's prayer meeting, Acts 16:13-15. Woman's Missionary Union has observed three seasons of prayer this year, one for State Missions, one for Home Missions, and one for Foreign Missions.

The master taught the importance and place of children in the Kingdom, Mark 9:35-37. Our women have fostered 15 Young People's organizations this year with the purpose of educating these youth in missionary interest and activity.

The most notable gift in Christian history was made by a woman who gave all she had, Luke 21:1-3. 185 W. M. U. members have been reported as tithers.

About two thirds of our women and young people have been "studying to show ourselves approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15. The reading of mission books has been constantly stressed and for each age group two mission study classes have been held.

The churches in this Association which have a W. M. U. are East Taylorsville, Antioch, Stony Point, Hiddenite, and Taylorsville First. Taylorsville First has just become an A-1 Society, the first in this association. About 80 of the 1,789 societies in North Carolina are A-1.

These women in Alexander Association, organized in Woman's Missionary Union, are truly "Laborers together with God," 1. Cor. 3:9, devoted to the task of serving their master with a firm conviction that God has called women to share in the triumph of His Kingdom on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lucille Mills.

Resolution to be presented to the Alexander Baptist Association in regular session at the First Baptist Church, Taylorsville on October 8, 1952.

Regarding—Resolutions pertaining to the "Constitution of Churches" and the "Ordination of Ministers", adopted by this body in annual session at Damascas Baptist Church on October 6, 1943.

These two resolutions, obviously written with good intentions, and approved by this body in good faith, have, nevertheless proven to be the sources of discord and division among the churches of our association.

Therefore, be it resolved; that the two documents referred to above, be stricken from our records, that they be no longer printed in our annual minutes, and that they cease to be the policy of our association.

Submitted by:
David C. Boaz, pastor
First Baptist Church,
Taylorsville, N. C.

Brother Moderator—please accept this as my request for the privilege to present this resolution at the earliest possible moment in our business session today, Oct. 8, 1952.

David C. Boaz, pastor.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

The Bible, the model book, the perfect book, is the best literature known. To know the Bible means a marvelous storehouse of knowledge, written by men inspired of God. We are told that what we read becomes a part of us. Therefore, we suggest that the Bible be read which will enable us to know more and to become more like Jesus.

We also request our people to read good literature, not all that claim to be Christian literature proves to be so. Therefore, we will be forced to make a choice. We urge parents to see that good wholesome literature is kept in the home and that trashy reading material be not allowed in the hands of their children.

The Baptist Sunday School Board has some fine literature for supplementary reading and study, for Sunday School and Training Union helps, for Study courses, for teaching, and training work in our churches. More of our people should read the **Biblical Recorder** and **Charity and Children.**

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson.

REPORT ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

Some came to Jesus, saying. "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar?"

Jesus answering them, said, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." (cf. Matt. 22:17-22).

Perhaps the principle laid down in these words of the Master can be the only true foundation of good government. If this principle is adopted as the guide of man's conduct, there must of necessity be the faithful practice of the Golden Rule. What man among us does not desire to have that which is his rendered unto him.

Somehow, in modern practice, there has crept into man's make-up and activity, a gross disregard for the principle of fairness. He has for-

gotten the teaching of Jesus, and resorted to questionable measures designed for the sole purpose of adding to his own personal gain.

It is quite fresh in our minds the bringing to light of crime and crookedness, on a national scale, by the work of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee, and, even though we are concerned with national problems, we are more concerned with the conditions existing in our own state. We must not lag behind longer, and allow despicable conditions to exist; but exert every influence to stamp out the vile and undesirable practices of some who hold responsible positions in our state government.

Deep Concern Is Needed

The Baptist State Convention, realizing that the masses are uninformed as to the methods of some of those who have been seated in the State Legislature, felt that it was necessary that steps be taken to enlighten the public concerning this matter. There could be no concern about the prevailing conditions unless they should be made known, therefore, the Convention authorized the forming of a committee to bring about this enlightenment. This committee was formed and named the Citizen's Committee for Good Government.

The 100 counties of North Carolina were divided into 13 districts; each district having a chairman, whose duty is to contact some person and appoint him as the county chairman. The county chairman's responsibility is to organize the county, and use such methods as seem best to present facts—not fiction—to the public. The purpose of this action is to enlighten the public that all persons might become concerned about the conditions of lawlessness, and the failure of public representatives to provide opportunities to take action against them.

The district chairmen, under the capable leadership of Rev. T. L. Cashwell, General Chairman, have endeavored to furnish facts to all county chairmen, and have engaged in no "mud-slinging" campaign whatsoever.

This committee has no desire to meddle in any person's political affairs, but simply desires that every person in North Carolina may know the facts that have prohibited his having the opportunity to express himself in a public election against such vices as are prevalent in the state. After having learned the facts, it is the hope of the Committee that the public will have become so concerned as to forget party affiliations and give its support to men—regardless of party—who will fight gambling, beverage alcohol, gag-rule, etc.

Thanks be unto God that some concern is manifest, but let us all understand that greater concern is needed.

Some Facts

In a leading newspaper last week there appeared a column with this heading, "Racketeering in N. C. Facing Tax Crackdown." This article was an Associated Press release and the date-line was Washington, Oct. 3. It stated that a federal investigation showed at least $1,827,027 due from North Carolina racketeers in back income taxes and penalties. These figures were disclosed by the Internal Revenue Bureau. To quote further, "James Guthrie, acting chief of the racket squads, said investigation of 381 cases in North Carolina during the year ending last June 30 resulted in additional tax assessments and penalties being recommended against 180 persons. The investigators recommended prosecution in 23 cases."

"Rackets investigated in North Carolina with the number of cases and the total of recommended assessments and penalties follow:

Abortion, 3, $38,274; bootlegging, 276, $1,299,755; gambling: bookmakers, 4, $5,036; casinos, 4, $2,904; numbers, 28, $174,757; slot machines, 9, $26,761; other gambling, 21, $17,968.

Pay-offs and graft, 9, $30,651; brothel operators, 1, $46,175; prostitution, 1, $24,372; miscellaneous, 16, $160,401."

According to this news release a number of persons have failed to "render unto Caesar, the things which are Caesar's," but more important, they have failed to "render unto God the things that are God's."

Let us take our place in bringing about good government by first "presenting our bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God" and exerting the influence of consecrated service, rendered unto Him, to bring about the abolition of all social evil in our state.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Wells.

"THY KINGDOM COME . . . THROUGH TEACHING"
(Associational Report — S.S.)

The teaching ministry of our churches is deserving of the top priority on our time, talents and prayers. The pattern set down in Matthew 28:19-20 gives us a two-armed challenge for our teaching program.

First—The words of the Master, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" is, without question, a command to teach people the way of salvation.

Second—After salvation and baptism, Jesus commands us to teach them yet more; this time, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." By this we believe Jesus meant, teaching them the finer traits of the christian life and service.

It is the God-assigned business of our Sunday Schools to work toward these two goals;

First—To teach people, beginning in their earliest childhood, how to come to Christ and accept Him as personal Saviour and Lord.

Second—To teach christian people what Christ expects of the christian life in service to Him.

With these views in mind, it is easy to see why a church can scarcely grow strong with a weak Sunday School, and why a church could scarcely remain weak with a strong Sunday School. The Sunday School is the heart and blood stream of the church.

In pursuit of this Divine assignment to teach sinners to become Christians, and to teach Christians to be better Christians, we need to apply our efforts to a certain course of strategy.

First—We must build buildings with adequate space and equipment to give teaching its greatest effectiveness. Just as the days of one-room school buildings is past, so the days of one-room church buildings is also past, and we may as well recognize that fact. We must provide space, not just for the people who do attend our Sunday Schools, but for all the people around us who ought to attend—and then we must bring those people in to fill that space.

Second—We must go after the people around us who need to be taught. The days are ended when lost people will come to church hungry for the Gospel—we may as well acknowledge that fact, and organize ourselves for the task of going out after people in a consistent program of visitation in every community.

Third—We must offer them the best in teaching when we get them to the church. Every church must follow a steady course in the training of its Sunday School officers and teachers. Well-educated people are not necessarily good sunday school teachers, and poorly educated people are not always bad sunday school teachers, but all of them alike can be made more effective by following the simple plan of our great denomination in its study courses and teaching improvement program.

Our association can be justly proud of the church buildings that its various churches have erected or improved during the past year. We can also be justly proud of the greatly increased enrollment and attendance in many of our Sunday Schools.

May all this be strengthened by deep faith and tireless work as we pursue the task of teaching the people God's plan for human life through our Sunday Schools.

Report submitted for adoption
by—David C. Boaz.

Second Day, Thursday Morning

Smyrna Church, October 9, 1952

Meeting called to order by Moderator.

Opening hymn "Footprints of Jesus", led by J. R. Lail. Hymn "Come, Thou Fount" also sung.

J. A. Icenhour gave the devotion, reading the 12th chapter of Romans and led in prayer.

The next order of business was taken. Brother Otto Johnson read the Report on Christian Literature. Motion was duly made and seconded that the report be adopted. Brother Johnson spoke to his report. Vote was taken and adopted.

Report on Good Gooverninent was read by J. L. Wells, wh made motion for its adoption. Brother Wells spoke to his report. Vote was taken and the report was adopted.

Brother David Boaz read the report on "Teaching." Brother Boaz made motion for its adoption. Brother D. P. Brooks of Raleigh, State Sunday School Worker, spoke to the report in an inspiring manner. Vote was taken and report was adopted.

Brother David Boaz led the group in singing "Bringing in the Sheaves."

The next order of business being taken. Brother A. C. Payne brought the report on Missions. Brother Earle Bradley, Field Worker for the State Convention, brought a message on Missions.

The report on Missions is to be written by Brother Payne and given to the Clerk at a later date. The report was adopted.

The hour for lunch having arrived, the meeting was adjourned until 1:00 P.M. Brother E. V. Bumgarner led in prayer of dismission and thanksgiving.

Thursday Afternoon
October 9, 1952

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator and opened with the singing of "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Brother Earl Teague led in the Devotional, reading Joshua 24 and led in prayer.

In the absence of Mr. Fred Lane, Miss Lucy Thompson brought the report on Bible Schools. Motion was made for adoption of the report. Brother D. P. Brooks spoke to the report. Vote was taken and report was adopted.

In the absence of Mr. Fred Johnson, Brother David Boaz read the report on Dedicated Men, The Baptist Brotherhood. Motion was made for the adoption of the report. Brother Horace Wasom spoke to the report. (Scripture Reference, Romans 12: 1-2). Vote was taken and report was adopted.

The next order of business being taken, Brother Jeffie Daniels brought the report on The Baptist Orphanage. Motion was made for its adoption. Brother Reed, Supt. of Mills Home, spoke to the report. Vote was taken and report was adopted.

Brother J. R. Lail presented a resolution and made motion that Article 21 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "The Association shall have an executive committee composed of the moderator, vice-moderator, clerk-treasurer, historian, chairman of the program committee, associational Brotherhood president, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Woman's Missionary Union President and Associational Training Union Director. The moderator will be the chairman of this committee and will call each meeting as are necessary to plan and carry out the work of the association between sessions."

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read and adopted.

Report of Resolutions Committee was read and adopted on motion.

Howard J. Ford brought message on "Who is Jesus?"

Session adjourned with prayer led by W. C. Reed.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Since its organization, we have had many fine leaders in our Southern Baptist Convention; however, there are always a few who become outstanding in their efforts to do their Father's work and further the cause and teachings of Christ among their fellowmen. Such a man was Dr. B. B. McKinney, editor of the Broadman Hymnal, and composer of many of the fine old songs printed in it, which is used in so many of our Baptist Churches throughout the South. His death this summer removed from our presence one who for many years has been true to the task.

Another such man is Dr. Homer L. Grice who for many years has promoted the work of the Vacation Bible School throughout the Southland. There are perhaps two reasons why Dr. Grice has become such an excellent leader in this work: first, through untiring efforts to make the Vacation Bible School a vital part of our church life and to be recognized as such by our adult members; secondly, and more important, Dr. Grice has a love for boys and girls surpassed by very few people. Under his leadership, the Bible School has grown from meager beginnings to a place of prominence and usefullness in our church life. Under his leadership a manual or training course book, "The Vacation Bible School Guide" was written. He, along with Mrs. Grice and others of his staff have prepared fourteen fine textbooks to be used in the work as follows: The Nursery Book for those under four years of age. This book was used for the first time this year. Two books for beginners, ages four and five; three for primaries, ages six, seven, and eight; four for juniors, ages nine, ten, eleven, and twelve; and four for intermediates, ages thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen are now in use. The material in these books is considered to be of such excellent quality that numbers of churches besides Baptists are using the material.

There are many worthwhile benefits derived from Vacation Bible School work. First, thousands of boys and girls throughout the South are being won to Christ in our Bible Schools. Then, too, these boys and girls in two weeks time, receive more Bible instruction than they are able to secure in Sunday School during the whole year. Later along, these same boys and girls will become the trained leaders of your churches and will be able to do a better job than many of our workers do to-day because of this training.

Another important consideration is that many of our teachers in Sunday School work became interested because they had their first experience in Christian service with boys and girls in the Bible School.

A good many of our churches in this association are having Bible Schools each summer. A good many others should be doing so. If your church has not had a Bible School as yet, may I urge you to see that it has one by not later than next summer and see that a copy of the report prepared by your principal is sent to Mr. L. L. Morgan, secretary of the State Sunday School Board so that this association will get credit for all Bible Schools held in the association.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred G. Lane.

BAPTIST, BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The work of the Baptist Brotherhood is somewhat new to Alexander Association though the work has been going on among Baptists since 1907 as a Laymen's Missionary Movement. The name became Baptist Brotherhood of the South in May 1926. One of our churches, Stony Point, has an active Brotherhood with Escar Goble as president. The First church, Taylorsville, is reorganizing its Brotherhood October 27.

The Brotherhood is a group of consecrated men working for the whole program of their church and of Baptists. They hold prayer services, visit the sick and needy, win lost men to Christ and help all men of the church find their place in the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Johnson.

OUR ORPHANAGE REPORT

There are many kinds of religions in our world today; but the Holy Scriptures tell us that pure and undefiled religion is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:27.

Why want a religion that is not pure? Where the spirit of the devil prevails, children are destroyed; but where the spirit of Christ prevails, they receive the very tenderest care. Both statements have abundant proof to be found in the Bible.

The Orphan children of our State are fortunate in having a band of people who prove their care for them with their prayers, money and means. We Baptists also are fortunate to have two Orphanages which are now getting equipped the very best with new buildings—far better than they have ever been—to give us the privilege of helping children who need such care.

We are informed that these homes in the past year, cared for a total of 725 children. In addition the Social Service Staff investigated the applications of 684 children; and in many instances helped find them a home where they could be cared for.

Two girls from our County graduated this year and went out to positions; 6 other children remain in the home.

It is the desire of the workers at the Orphanages that the people take the Charity and Children paper. All pastors and Sunday School Superintendents are entitled to it free. If you don't get it, write in for it.

Each Pastor and Church will work out their own plan as to how they will make their contributions. However, the more often and regularly it is done, the more it is likely to be.

It was my privilege to visit the Mills Home a few weeks ago and to learn that they had not as yet had any apples this year. I feel that it is a shame that hundreds and thousands of bushels go to waste in the counties of Alexander and Wilkes, when an apple of a very low grade would taste so good to a child who is hungry for fruit. May we not do too much talking about what they need. What they need is someone to deliver the goods.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffie Daniels.

Be It Resolved:

1. That we thank our heavenly Father for His love and mercy through the past year.

2. That we express our thanks and appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville, and Smyrna Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality, their fine fellowship, and their bountiful meal.

3. That we express our appreciation to our moderator Brother H. L. Good; Clerk, Brother J. L. Wells; and Miss Marcella Hines, Acting Clerk; Miss Lucy Echerd, Organist; Mrs. Hugh Hines, Pianist; Billy Roe Campbell, Music Director; Rev. A. B. Bumgarner, Program Chairman; and others that have helped to make this association enjoyable.

4. That the minutes of the sixty fifth annual association be dedicated in memory of Rev. E. C. Shoe and that his picture be placed on inside of front cover.

5. That we pray God's blessing upon every church of this association until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Johnson,
Paul Mayberry,
Mrs. Lonzo Davis.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN, 1952

The history of Taylorsville First Baptist Church has been well told in former minutes of this Association by Rev. J. B. Pool in 1892, by W. S. McLeod in 1913, by A. C. Payne in 1925 and Rev. E. V. Bumgarner in 1944. Some years ago this Historian was made custodian of all the minutes since organization in 1887. Any one wishing to see or read any of these records is cordially invited to stop by the Building and Loan office at your convenience.

The Centennial program celebrating the one hundredeth anniversary of the organization of Taylorsville First Baptist Church on October 6, 1851, was held on October 7, 1951, as planned by the committee composed of W. Cubb Watts, Chairman; Chas. E. Echerd, secretary; P. O. Harrington, treasurer; Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, Walter W. Harrington and R. B. McLeod, all descendants of Charter members of the church.

Rev. Onie W. Triplett of Ashburn, Va., pastor of this church in 1900, preached at the eleven O'clock hour. Many of his fellow students at Taylorsville Collegiate Institute were present to hear him.

At 12:30, dinner was served from a picnic table. The expression by one attending, "I have never seen so much food on one table", was the opinion of many.

The attendance of the descendants of the Charter Members of the church was very satisfactory. They came from several surrounding counties and some from other states.

The bronze plaque containing the names of the Charter members, fifty one white people and five negroes, was placed on the wall of the vestibule of the church. This plaque was presented to the church by the descendants of the Charter members. The arrangement of the names on the plaque is by families as nearly as we were able to find. The number in front of the name is the age of the member at the time of the organization.

As they appear on the plaque, the names are as follows:

AGE	
31	Rev. John W. Jones
28	Elizabeth Jones Jones
60	William B. Jones
59	Martha Kerley Jones
19	Serena A. Jones
35	Larkin H. Jones
27	Lucretia Watts Jones
40	Calvin Jones
37	Miriam Watts Jones
13	Mary R. Jones
43	Rev. Robert Luckey Steele
39	Annis Watts Steele
19	James Steele
16	Mary Steele
	Martha Steele
70	Sion Harrington, Sr.
66	Lydia Barnes Harrington
31	Sion Harrington, Jr.
20	Sarah Watts Harrington
37	Enoch Harrington
26	Margaret McRee Harrington
15	Harriett McRee
61	Benjamin Watts
59	Sarah Watts
21	Elizabeth Meadows
30	David W. Moose
25	Sophia Kivett Moose

AGE	
34	Noah Moose
34	John Watts
28	Nancy Matilda Watts
27	Rev. James Jefferson Watts
50	Magnes Watts
51	Margaret Steele Watts
13	Bettie Watts
26	A. Culberson Watts
23	Elizabeth McRhee Watts
28	H. Franklin Echerd
23	Anna Watts Echerd
34	Rev. James Harvey West
30	Elinor Watts West
	Rev. Smith Ferguson
52	Sara Cox Ferguson
15	Sara E. Ferguson
	Nancy Ferguson
33	Rev. Isaac Robinson Sherrill
41	Rev. Isaac Oxford
	Elijah Oxford
26	Elisha R. Harrington
61	Daniel A. Meadows
18	Mary Hines
18	Lavancy James
40	Mary N. James
	Negro Members:
	Rosbury, Elisha, Jacob, David and Rhoda.

From the best information available, the following facts and dates are about correct. The Taylorsville church from organization to 1858, belonged to the Taylorsville Association, from 1858 to 1867 to the United Baptist Association. In 1867 the United Baptist and the Lewis Fork joined to form the Brushy Mountain Association. This church was apparently a member of the Brushy Mountain from 1867 to 1887, when it was one of the group that organized the Alexander Association. It has been a member of this Association from that date, making this the 65th year.

The membership of this church in 1892 was 16 males, 19 females—35 In 1913, 32 males, 64 females—96; in 1925, total 231; in 1944, total 390.

W. S. McLeod, Historian in 1913 says: "Taylorsville Church has seen its days of adversity. For a few years its pastor was supported in part by the State Mission Board. It is now in a comparatively prosperous condition."

The Pastors serving the church, with some dates given, are as follows: Smith Ferguson, 1851 to 1861; F. A. Belcaer, 1862 to 1865; W. R. Gwaltney; G. D. Sherrill; J. P. Gwaltney; W. A. Pool, 1879 to 1881; J. B. Marsh, 1881 to 1888; L. P. Gwaltney, 1890 to 11-6-1892; J. A. White, 12-3-1892 to 6-3-1900; O. W. Triplett, 9-2-1900 to 3-3-1901; L. P. Gwaltney, 5-5-1901 to 9-14-1902; W. B. Rivenbark, 9-21-1902 to 12-13-1903; L. P. Gwaltney, 2-14-04 to 1-12-19; E. V. Bumgarner, 2-9-19 to No. 1933; C. C. Holland, 1934 to 1941; E. C. Shoe, 5-1-1941 until his death 6-21-1951; David C. Boaz, Jan. 1, 1952 to present.

The Clerks serving the church, in approximately this order, are as follows: L. H. Jones, 1851 to 1854; Calvin Jones, 1954 to 1866; D. W. Moose, N. A. Pope, G. W. Bowles, C. W. Sower, J. M. Oxford, E. C. Sloan, J. L. Gwaltney, A. C. Payne, W. W. Harrington, A. C. Cline, R. F. Poole, R. L. Moose, F. G. Lane and A. C. Payne, present Clerk.

The work of erecting a new educational building and remodeling the main auditorium was begun June 14, 1948 and although the building and equipment are not yet completed, they have been in use since the fall of 1951. The value of the church property, including the parsonage, is thought to be around $150,000.00.

Charles E. Echerd, Historian.

HISTORY OF SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH

Smyrna Baptist Church was organized on Oct. 21, 1923. Rev. H. C. Whitner served as first pastor from 1923 until 1925, Rev. J. H. Boggs from 1925 until 1927, Rev. R. G. Short from 1927 until 1928, Rev. J. H. Boggs from 1928 until 1929, Rev. G. C. Teague from 1929 until 1930, Rev. C. W. Teague from 1930 until 1932, Rev. L. (Jack) R. Keller from 1933 until 1934, Rev. J. L. Teague from 1935 to 1941, Rev. J. E. Carter from 1941 until 1942, Rev. E. C. Shoe from 1942 until 1949, Rev. J. R. Lail from 1949 until the present time which started half time service.

There were thirty charter members: Mr. W. W. Icenhour served as first clerk, Q. L. Frye, B. W. Teague and W. W. Icenhour as deacons. Mr. C. G. Fox as treasurer. Present membership is 113. Rowe Teague, clerk, Mrs. J. W. Perkins treasurer, and Mr. J. W. Perkins, Earl Teague, Paul Teague, Glenn Lail and Samuel Teague active deacons.

In the past six years there has been much improvement made on the church building and on the church grounds.

This report was furnished by Earl Teague of Smyrna Church..

Charles E. Echerd, Historian.

MISSIONS

"A report of the services and achievements accomplished through the Foreign Mission Board in 1951 could never be made by the use of statistics alone. Spiritual contributions and accomplishments cannot be measured by figures. Figures alone applied to the ministry of Jesus while he was on earth would prove him a failure. In the report presented herewith missionaries tell very briefly the story out of which figures come."

Southern Baptists have, at the beginning of 1952, a total of 832 missionaries who are serving in 30 countries of the world. They are associated with 3,000 national Baptist workers in 1,900 organized churches which have a total of 189,225 members. These churches operate 3,360 mission points which have an enrollment of 17,700. During the year, 18,372 members were added to the churches by baptism.

The objective in all these countries is to develop indigenous church which will become evangelizing agencies of their own people. Therefore, promote the various types of organizations for training, teaching and promotion that our churches in America have. They have 2,600 Sunday schools with 192,600 pupils enrolled, 1,200 Training Unions with 31,000 members, 900 Womans Missionary Societies which have 25,700 members, and 1,300 auxiliaries with 23,800 enrolled.

Where Christians constitute small minority groups in large non-Christian populations, Christian schools are imperatively needed to train Christian workers and to teach the people the meaning of Christian citizen citizenship. Baptist churches developed in other lands by the work of our missions organize themselves into associations and conventions, just as we do, for the purpose of doing together the things they could not do by working individually. Through the conventions, 400 schools are operated which have 49,000 pupils. Of these schools, 350 are below high school level and have 36,000 of the students. There are 18 high schools with 9,000 students, four colleges with 2,200 men and women, five normal schools with 300 students studying to be Christian teachers, seven training schools which have 350 young women preparing themselves for Christians service, and 14 seminaries in which 426 men are studying to be evangelists and pastors.

These churches and schools must have supplies of Christian literature of all kinds. To meet this need, there are five publication houses which in 1951 published 688,000 copies of magazines and periodicals, 412,000 books, and 5,700.00 tracts.

Five hospitals, 10 dispensaries, and five clinics ministered to 43,000 patients in areas where medical facilities are available for only small margins of the total population.

In 1951 Southern Baptist contributed $6,900,000. Approximately 95 per cent of this amount was appropriated for the support of missionaries and work on mission fields abroad. Approximately 2 per cent was used for administrative expenses, and the balance for promotion and miscellaneous items.

To comprehend the full significance of these achievements, we must keep in mind the confused and unstable conditions in the areas of the world in which our missionary work is done. In many of these areas uncertainty is the only form of certainty. Advance in missions is achieved in most instances despite a multitude of forces that obstruct the way ahead.

The work done by the Southern Baptist Convention is so wide and expansive that we cannot cover the parts or at least all where it is carried on. We do however wish to mention the Orient, for instance Christian work in China has endured extremely bitter conditions during the past year. Upon the outbreak of the war in Korea, the Communist government began strong anti-American measures. When Chinese armies attacked in North Korea, those measures were sharply increased, not only for the purpose generating anti-American feeling, but also to eliminate all Chinese not in sympathy with the new government. Mass accusation meetings, trials and executions darkened the pages of China's history. Only the report of large scale executions reached the world press, but throughout the countryside, where 85 per cent of the people live, deeds of terror knew no bounds.

For the first time in more than a hundred years, there is not one Southern Baptist missionary in the field of China proper.

Dr. William Wallace of Wuchow, died in February while in a communist prison. So much prayer, on both sides of the ocean and among both Chinese and missionaries, had gone up for him that we can but accept his death as the will of the Lord. God had used and will use both his life and his death to accomplish His purpose.

The Lord has blessed in bringing out from communist China all of the remaining Southern Baptist missionaries. It was feared that imprisonment or worse might overtake some of them, but our heavenly Father protected and lead each one safely in His own time and way.

The success of Home Mission should be the aim of every Christian in the Baptist denomination. The Board is doing a great work, and it is one of the objects of Mission work which should not be overlooked or neglected.

The approaching Baptist State Convention which meets with the First Baptist church at Winston-Salem, is expected to draw 2,000 or so messengers the meeting will be November 11-13 and will hear reports which will fill some 75 pages in the Advanced Report of the General Board.

It is estimated that by the end of this year there will be 3,040 Missionary Baptist Churches in North Carolina, as compared with 2,374 in 1932. The estimated total membership is 740,000, as compared with 433,046 in 1932. Growth of Auxiliary organizations is on a proprotionate scale. Total gifts this year will reach $25,000,000. It is thought, with 4 million going to denominational objects. It is expected that the goals set for the first year of the Nine-Year Program of Advance adopted a year ago will be reached, and that the goal of $1,725,000 for the co-operative program will be reached or exceeded.

The report on State Missions points out that there are many unchurched areas in North Carolina. Efforts are being made to get churches established in the areas near the Army installations where thousands of persons are concentrated. One such area is between New Bern and Morehead City, and there are others around rapidly expanding cities.

As to the work of the Allied Church League it is encouraging to note that out of seven counties in the State only one voted wet, Pamlico by a small margin. While this is not a mission matter, but the traffic is a hindrance to the mission work, and its suppression should interest all christian people.

May we increase our mission spirit and do more for missions than we have done in the past. The Alexander Association did very well for missions this year, but it is a matter hope we may do more next year.

Committee.
(A. C. Payne).

In Memoriam

BETHANY—Mr. Jones J. Henry, Mrs. Netia Parlier Weir.

BETHLEHEM—Deacon Tate H. Sherrill, James Cline.

DAMASCUS—Miss Lizzie Sloane.

HIDDENITE—Mr. Jeff Gwaltney.

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. Frances Kerley, Mrs. Bessie Jolly.

LEBANON—Mr. Noah Bumgarner.

LILEDOUN—Mrs. Jessie Robinette, Duett McCalpin, Harold McCalpin, C. A. Smith.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Mr. James Baker, Mrs. Necie Campbell.

MT. HERMAN—Dolphus Kerley.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mr. Grover Pennell.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mr. James J. Reid, Mr. G. Wash White, Mr. Walter Lee Russell, Jr., Mrs. Lidie White Walker.

STONY POINT—Mrs. Sallie Benett, Mrs. T. R. Mills, Mrs. Lester Fox, Mr. Frank Combs.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mr. Spencer King.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Deacon Jack Ford, Mr. Vilas Glass, Mr. Jacob Goble, Mrs. John G. Harrington.

TABLE A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association Alexander State North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month) September 19 52

Clerk Miss Marcella Hines Address Hiddenite, N. C.

Moderator Rev. James R. Lail Address Taylorsville, R-2

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Date of Meeting		Baptisms	Letters and other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Roman Catholics to Join Church in year
Antioch	R	1826	1,2,3,4	James R. Lail, Taylorsville, R-2	31	11	6	363	48	411	2	40	yes	no	0
Bethany	R	1892	3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro	12	2	13	114	56	170	1	12	no	no	0
Bethlehem	R	1871	all	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	10	2	10	224	50	274	1	14	no	no	0
Beulah	T	1916	all	Oscar C. Tucker, Lincolnton, R-5	-	2	6	36	22	58	1	-	no	no	0
Calvary	T	1948	all	J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro, R-1	5	5	0	82	14	96	3	-	no	-	0
Damascus	R	1839	2,4	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, R-2	3	1	4	120	51	171	1	-	no	no	0
Dover	-	-	-	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hiddenite	T	1915	all	J. L. Wells, Hiddenite	4	4	4	118	54	172	1	15	yes	no	1
Island Ford	-	-	-	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	R	1884	2,4	J. D. Whisnant-Taylorsville, R-2	6	-	1	85	-	85	1	-	no	no	-
Liledoun	V	1906	all	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, R-1	10	21	-	-	-	300	2	-	-	-	0
Linney's Grove	R	1895	2	no pastor	19	7	5	141	22	163	2	-	no	no	-
Little River	R	1792	1,3	H. I. Johnson, Moravian Falls	2	5	3	153	22	175	2	-	-	-	0
Macedonia	-	-	-	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Millersville	V	1923	1,3	John Houser, Hickory	7	1	-	-	-	58	none	-	no	no	0
Mt. Herman	R	1912	2,4	Herman Johnson, Moravian Falls	8	-	11	154	77	231	2	-	no	no	0
Mt. Olive	-	-	-	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Memorial	R	1942	1,3	S. I. Watts, Boomer	15	-	-	112	22	134	2	8	no	no	0
Pilgrim	R	1837	1,3	T. M. Luffman, Jonesville	16	1	4	-	-	274	1	-	no	no	0
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, R-2	14	1	3	180	44	224	1	0	no	no	0
Poplar Springs	R	1872	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, R-2	2	-	9	-	-	189	1	0	no	no	0
Rocky Creek	-	-	-	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rocky Face	-	-	-	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smyrna	R	1923	1,2,3,4	James R. Lail, Taylorsville, R-2	9	4	6	-	-	122	2	-	yes	no	-
Stony Point	T	1909	all	Homer L. Good, Stony Point	24	22	22	416	100	516	2	160	no	no	1
Taylorsville, East	T	1924	all	A. B. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	10	22	17	-	-	479	1	-	no	no	-
Taylorsville, First	T	1851	all	David C. Boaz, Taylorsville	32	42	12	327	104	431	1	83	yes	no	-
Three Forks	-	-	-	no report											
				TOTAL	239	153	136	2625	686	4733	30	332			2

TABLE C TRAINING UNION

Association Alexander State North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month) September

Associational Director Miss Lucy Thompson Address Taylorsville

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery Units	Beginner Units	Primary Units	Junior Units	Intermediate Units	Young People Units	Adult Units	Mission Unions	Total No. Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Calvary	(Rev. J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro, R-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	9	11	-	13	-	-	46	35
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	5	10	-	-	12	12	8	20	-	3	65	51
Mt. Herman	Kenneth Kerly, Taylorsville, R-2	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	9	5	11	8	-	2	35	18
Smyrna	Paul Teague, Hickory, R-5	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	9	-	7	11	-	-	-	27	20
Stony Point	Dearmont Harris, Stony Point	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	6	-	-	12	30	32	13	24	-	3	120	75
Taylorsville, East.	Mrs. Loomis Lackey, Taylorsville	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	5	-	20	-	16	15	9	23	-	4	87	55
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	5	-	-	-	18	17	7	33	-	3	78	43
TOTALS		2	2	3	5	6	6	6	-	29	16	33	21	94	99	59	121	-	15	458	287

TABLE D WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Association Alexander, State N. C.

For Year Ending (Month(September 1952

Associational President Mrs. Henkle Mills Address Taylorsville

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	R.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W. A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	R.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers all organization
Antioch	Mrs. Charlie Caldwell, Taylorsville, R-2	1	-	2	1	1	5	18	-	22	7	17	64	8	6
Hiddenite	Miss Ethel Mae Goble, Hiddenite	2	1	1	-	-	4	37	15	11	-	-	63	-	-
Stony Point	Mrs. R. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	1	2	2	1	9	65	12	35	24	28	164	75	65
Taylorsville, East.	Mrs. Alonzo Davis, Pores Knob	1	-	-	-	-	1	39	-	23	-	-	62	-	-
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. U. L. Hafer, Taylorsville	1	1	2	0	1	5	93	10	25	-	31	159	54	65
	Totals	11	3	7	3	3	27	252	37	116	31	76	512	137	136

TABLE B

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Associational Superintendent A. B. Bumgarner Address Taylorsville

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers not counted classes and Depts.	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools	Vacation Bible School Enrolment
Antioch	Wayne R. Austin, Taylorsville, R-2	-	22	42	33	48	38	39	126	-	5	-	353	no	-	114
Bethany	Barney Carpenter, Pores Knob	-	-	-	8	9	-	22	21	-	-	-	60	-	-	-
Bethlehem	Hall Teague, Taylorsville, R-1	-	-	20	16	19	19	42	44	-	-	-	160	no	-	110
Beulah	H. L. McDuffie, Box 207, Taylorsville	-	-	18	9	8	-	23	18	-	-	-	76	no	-	-
Calvary	Tom Smith, Taylorsville	-	-	26	15	13	12	-	43	-	-	-	109	-	-	-
Damascus	R. A. Wilson, Statesville, R-2	-	-	10	7	8	8	13	27	-	-	-	73	no	-	61
Dover	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, R-3	8	9	9	10	11	12	20	54	12	3	-	139	no	-	88
Island Ford	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, R-2	-	-	18	15	17	-	-	26	-	-	-	66	no	-	-
Liledoun	Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, R-1	-	-	30	26	35	36	30	93	-	-	-	250	no	-	-
Linney's Grove	Fred Hendren, Hiddenite, R-2	-	-	14	14	17	15	29	38	-	-	-	127	-	-	-
Little River	Mrs. Burgin Walker, Taylorsville, R-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124	-	-	-
Macedonia	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Millersville	Mrs. Foye Icenhour, Taylorsville	-	-	-	15	12	12	-	20	-	-	-	59	-	-	-
Mt. Herman	Kenneth Kerley, Taylorsville, R-2	-	18	13	20	18	6	18	87	-	-	-	180	no	-	60
Mt. Olive	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Memorial	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, R-2	-	6	10	12	15	18	12	22	-	3	-	98	-	-	-
Pilgrim	Paul J. Mayberry, New Hope	7	-	14	14	14	9	36	66	-	-	-	160	no	-	-
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, R-3	-	-	22	9	10	15	15	41	-	-	-	112	no	-	-
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, Taylorsville, R-2	-	-	8	8	15	10	20	25	-	-	-	100	no	-	-
Rocky Creek	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rocky Face	no report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smyrna	Earl Teague, Taylorsville, R-2	-	15	17	9	11	10	13	45	-	1	-	121	no	-	43
Stony Point	Homer Estes, Stony Point	10	24	20	30	50	47	25	222	-	17	-	445	no	-	167
Taylorsville, East	Jim McDuffie, Taylorsville	15	18	36	34	59	40	11	140	-	6	-	359	-	-	135
Taylorsville, First	David C. Campbell, Taylorsville	10	24	20	45	41	35	19	163	none	none	none	357	no	1	132
	Totals	50	136	347	349	430	342	387	1321.	12	35		3528	-	1	910

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Associational Treasurer Marcella Sides Address Hiddenite, N. C.

TABLE F - GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education Schools	Orphans' Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts for all Causes
Antioch	Dewey P. Austin, Taylorsville Rt. 2	5.585	1,759	349 7	16	18	16	98	157	109	--	815	8,159
Bethany	Mrs. Edd Hendren, Moravain Falls	577	501	-- --	--	105	75	--	123	21	--	324	1,350
Bethlehem	Arthur Bowman, Hickory	--	3,176	-- --	70	32	95	186	174	30	---	4,016	7,779
Beulah	Berta Wicker, Taylorsville, G.D.	531	629	-- --	25	--	18	--	40	30	--	113	1,274
Calvary	Mrs. Fannie Gant, Taylorsville	--	322	29 --	--	--	--	--	44	--	--	75	396
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2	816	1,024	-- --	--	--	82	--	80	47	--	209	2,048
Dover	no report	--	--	-- --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hiddenite	D. L. Kerley, Hiddenite	1,788	2,600	11 --	75	37	122	130	448	125	--	946	5,335
Island Ford	no report	--	--	-- --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lebanon	Mrs. Claude Kerley, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1,230	807	-- --	--	--	45	--	31	24	101	201	1,230
Liledoun	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville, Rt. 1	7,933	1,800	-- --	--	--	77	--	77	172	355	682	8,615
Linney's Grove	L. A. Childress, Hiddenite, Rt. 2	5,460	364	-- --	12	--	--	--	12	11	--	35	5,859
Little River	W. M. Childers, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1,752	1,264	33 13	--	--	--	--	54	18	334	450	3,149
Macedonia	no report	--	--	-- --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Millersville	Mrs. Odell Icenhour, Taylorsville	394	160	-- --	12	15	12	70	10	--	249	319	875
Mt. Herman	Willie D. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1,617	900	11 --	26	46	143	25	214	71	--	537	2,714
Mt. Olive	no report	--	--	-- --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Oxford Memorial	G. C. Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1,796	426	94 --	--	--	--	--	31	--	--	125	2,346
Pilgrim	Waitsel Johnson, Hiddenite, Rt. 1	841	521	-- --	--	--	110	--	23	--	13	146	1,509
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt. 3	3,332	477	-- --	14	--	44	--	86	35	15	175	4,438
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	1,297	863	-- --	--	--	72	--	111	--	--	183	2,344
Rocky Creek	no report	--	--	-- --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rocky Face	no report	--	--	-- --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Conover, Rt. 1	1,881	1,090	135 --	43	13	13	25	132	64	83	608	3,528
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	10,496	4,680	1,158 --	77	117	200	--	600	100	--	2,246	17,422
Taylorsville, East	Miss Louise Deal, Taylorsville	12,700	4,680	27 20	40	63	185	205	--	253	--	793	18,172
Taylorsville, First	Silas W. Bennett, Taylorsville	26,194	3,170	513 --	122	1,356	115	200	197	306	80	2,880	34,943
Three Forks	no report	--	--	-- --	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Totals	86,222	31,213	2,355 40	532	1,797	1,424	939	2,644	1,416	1,230	15,887	133,484

TABLE E BROTHERHOOD WORK-BUILDING-GOALS

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Associational President Fred Johnson Address Taylorsville

CHURCHES — PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS & ADDRESSES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Number of Class Rooms	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End Of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Ass'n Missions Coming Year
Antioch	-	-	18	12000	72000	-	600	-
Bethany	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Bethlehem	-	-	10	-	60000	1915	-	-
Betulah	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Calvary	-	-	5	-	4500	-	-	-
Damascus	-	-	4	-	4000	-	-	-
Dover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hiddenite	-	-	12	6000	36000	-	-	-
Island Ford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liledoun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linneys Grove	-	-	-	-	6000	-	-	-
Little River	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Millersville	-	-	3	-	-	100	-	-
Mt. Herman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mt. Olive	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Memorial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pilgrim	-	-	7	-	13000	350	-	-
Pleasant Hill	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Poplar Springs	-	-	4	-	12000	400	-	-
Rocky Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rocky Face	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smyrna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stony Point ..... E. C. Goble, Stony Point	35	-	23	10000	76000	5000	-	-
Taylorsville, East	-	-	24	7000	50000	3900	-	-
Taylorsville, First	-	-	46	10000	150000	27744	600	-
Three Forks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	35	-	171	45000	483500	39409	12000	-

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	WHERE HELD	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1887	Macsdonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudeon
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudeon
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudeon
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendrsn	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsape
1903	Poplar Springe	R. L. Davie	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsape
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watte	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Pool	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarnsr	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918	———	———	———	———
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downe
1921	Taylor Springe	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	E. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch	———	J. L. Gwaltney	W. E. White
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	Taylorsville, East	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. Mc leod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville, First	Homer L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Groee
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus Three Forks	E. C. Shoe ———	A. C. Payne ———	Homer L. Good ———
1947	Taylorsville, East Taylor Springs	A. E. Watts ———	A. C. Payne ———	Homsr L. Good ———
1948	Poplar Springs Bethel	A. B. Bumgarner ———	Homer L. Good ———	W. W. Harrington ———
1949	Antioch Hiddenite	W. O. Johnson ———	E. V. Bumgarner ———	W. W. Harrington ———
1950	Liledoun Mt. Herman	J. A. Icenhour ———	A. B. Bumgarner ———	J. L. Welle ———
1951	Stony Point Taylorsvills, East	J. L. Wells ———	H. L. Good ———	J. L. Wells ———
1952	Taylorsvills, First Smyrna	J. R. Lail ———	H. L. Good ———	J. L. Wells ———

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Historian, Charles E. Echerd ..... Taylorsville
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W. M. U. Supt., Mrs. Henkle Mills ..... Taylorsville
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Young People—Miss Margaret Deane Hines ..... Hiddenite
Intermediates—Mrs. Earl Teague ..... Taylorsville
Junior—Mr. Dawson Beckham ..... Stony Point
Story Hour—Mrs. Vance Stikeleather ..... Stony Point
Pastor Advisor—Rev. David C. Boaz ..... Taylorsville
Chorister—Billy Rowe Campbell ..... Hiddenite
Pianist—Miss Evelyn Watts ..... Stony Point

COMMITTEES

NOMINATIONS: Herman Johnson, Chairman, J. P. Watts, Lucy Thompson.

RESOLUTIONS: Gordon Wilson, Chairman, T. B. Wagner, J. A. Icenhour.

PROGRAM: I. V. Couch, Chairman, W. W. Harrington, Mrs. Butler Chapman.

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER: A. E. Watts, Chairman, Paul Mayberry, P. E. Johnson.

List of Messengers

ANTIOCH—V. W. Teague, Earl Cline, Walter Austin.

BETHANY—J. E. Costner, F. P. Hendren, Joe Tevepaugh.

BETHLEHEM—R. Lee Teague, Evert Austin, Mainard Hefner.

BEULAH—Henry L. McRuffie, Cleatus Perry, Wilma Settlemyre.

CALVARY—Rev. J. G. Cardwell, Mrs. Ruby Brown, John A. Webster, Carl Deal.

DAMASCUS—T. Burke Johnson, Floyd M. Sloan, Dwight Johnson, Raymond Wilson, Allen Johnson.

HIDDENITE—R. M. Grant, H. D. Fincannon, Allen Hines.

LEBANON—Mrs. James H. Watts, Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Mr. C. D. Poole.

LILEDOUN—Devon W. Dyson, Pleas Jenkins, Chester Smith.

LINNEYS GROVE—S. D. Gwaltney, B. P. Childers, L. A. Childers.

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. J. Horace Bumgarner, Mrs. Charlie Harrington, Mr. Charlie Harrington.

MILLERSVILLE—G. S. Hampton, Mrs. Odell Icenhour, Mrs. Foye Icenhour, Ben Thompson.

MT. HERMAN—P. E. Johnson, Flake Dyson, Mrs. Herman Kerley.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mrs. Velva Pennell, Mrs. Cecil Reid, Mrs. Elva Reid.

PILGRIM—D. C. Johnson, Paul Mayberry, Joe Eastrige.

PLEASANT HILL—Paul Harrington, Jeffie Daniels, Ransom Childers.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Russell Walker, Earl Robinette.

SMYRNA—Earl Teague, Paul Teague, Fred Teague, Mrs. Earl Teague, Everette Teague.

STONY POINT—C. W. Combs, Mrs. C. W. Combs, Miss Carrie Pharr, J. P. Watts, Mrs. Clyde Alexander.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mrs. L. W. Davis, Mr. Sweet, Mrs. Butler Chapman.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—A. C. Payne, Wilson D. Brookshire, C. F. Weber.

Constitution

Article 1. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

Article 2. Its object shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

POWERS AND PREROGATIVES

Article 4. The Association may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

Article 5. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advise when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans for usefulness to be adopted.

Article 6. The expense of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose.

Article 7. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

GOVERNMENT

Article 8. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 9. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Article 10. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the first day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

Article 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

Article 14. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

Article 15. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, apoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

Article 16. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Article 17. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon.

Article 19. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

Article 20. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolutions of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

Article 21 The Association shall have an executive committee composed of the moderator, vice-moderator, clerk-treasurer, historian, chairman of the program committee, Associational Brotherhood president, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Woman's Missionary Union President and Associational Training Union Director. The moderator will be the chairman of this committee and will call such meetings as are necessary to plan and carry out the work of the association between sessions.

Article 22. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

VISITORS

Rev. Fritz Hemphill, and Rev. Albert Young, South Fork Association; C. M. King, State Convention; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burris, Wingate College, Misses Carol Gunter, Sybil Funderburk, Delores Short and Shirley Carter, students Wingate College; R. K. Redwine, State Convention; Rev. Latt Beshears, South Fork Association, Dr. J. C. Canipe, Secretary of Evangelism; C. W. Bazemore, Ass't Editor, Biblical Recorder; Mr. Fred Scott, State T. U. Office; Arnold Smith, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; Mr. Lawson Allen, Gardner-Webb College; Mr. W. C. Reed, Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville; Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Resthaven, Winston-Salem; Rev. Robert Franklin, Brushy Mountain Association.

Church Directory

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BETHANY—Pastor, Clate Brown, Wilkesboro; Clerk, J. E. Costner, Moravian Falls; Treasurer, Mrs. Edd Hendren, Moravian Falls; S. S. Superintendent, Max Hendren.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk, R. Lee Teague, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Kern Davis, Rt. 1, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Hal Teague, Rt. 1, Taylorsville.

BEULAH—Pastor, Oscar C. Tucker, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Oscar E. Bowman, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Barney Gant, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Henry L. McDuffie, Box 207, Taylorsville.

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HIDDENITE—Pastor, I. V. Couch, Hiddenite; Clerk, Gerald Goble, Hiddenite; Treasurer, D. L. Kerley; S. S. Superintendent, R. M. Grant, Rt. 3, Taylorsville.

LEBANON—Pastor, Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. James H. Watts, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, C. D. Poole, Rt. 2, Taylorsville.

LILEDOUN—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite; Clerk, Devon Dyson, Rt. 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Vance E. Stafford; S. S. Superintendent, Arthur Jenkins, Rt. 1, Taylorsville.

LINNEYS GROVE—Pastor, Iredell Osborne, N. Wilkesboro; Clerk, Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Rt. 1, Hiddenite; Treasurer, L. A. Childers, Rt. 1, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent, Fred Hendren, Rt. 2, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor, Herman I. Johnson, Moravian Falls; Clerk, Mrs. J. Horace Bumgarner, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Willie Childers, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Kenneth Davis, Rt. 2, Taylorsville.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, John Houser, Hickory; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Odell Icenhour, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, G. S. Hampton, Rt. 2, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN—Pastor, Herman Johnson, Moravian Falls; Clerk, P. E. Johnson, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, W. E. Johnson, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Kenneth Kerly, Rt. 2, Taylorsville.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor, S. I. Watts, Boomer; Clerk, Mrs. Velva Pennell, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Janie Anderson, Rt. 2, Lenoir; S. S. Superintendent, Millard Brookshire, Rt. 2, Lenoir.

PILGRIM—Pastor, T. M. Luffman, Jonesville; Clerk, D. C. Johnson, Rt. 2, Statesville; Treasurer, Waitsell B. Johnson, Rt. 1, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent, Paul Mayberry, New Hope.

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POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Rt. 2, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Earl Robinette, Rt. 2, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, Gordon Wilson, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Paul Teague, Rt. 5, Hickory; Treasurer, Mrs. S. W. Perkins, Rt. 1, Conover; S. S. Superintendent, Earl Teague, Rt. 2, Taylorsville.

STONY POINT—Pastor, Homer L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point; Treasurer, Howard Norton, Stony Point; S. S. Superintendent, Homer Estes, Stony Point.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Pastor, L. C. Dixon, Taylorsville; Clerk Miss Sidney Etta Earp; Treasurer, N. L. Davis, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Bill Heights, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST — Pastor, David C. Boaz, Taylorsville; Clerk, A. C. Payne, Taylorsville; Treasurer, James B. Farthing, Farthing, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, David C. Campbell, Taylorsville.

Program

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FIRST DAY

9:30—WORSHIP
Opening Hymn
Scripture and Prayer ..... Herman Johnson

9:40—GETTING IN MOTION
Rol Call of Churches
Adoption of Program
Recognition of New Pastors and Visitors
Appointment of Committees

10:00—CHURCH ORGANIZATION REPORTS
Sunday School Report ..... Marse Grant
Discussion
Vacation Bible School Report ..... Mrs. Earl Teague
Discussion
Training Union Report ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Mr. J. P. Morgan will speak to the report
Brotherhood Report ..... A. D. Lindsey
Mr. Horace Eason will speak to the report
W. M. U. Report ..... Mrs. U. L. Hafer
Discussion

11:15—Special Music ..... Wingate College Choral Group
Announcements

11:30—INSPIRATION
Annual Sermon ..... Rev. David C. Boaz
Recess — Lunch

1:30—WORSHIP
Congregational Hymn
Scripture and Prayer ..... Homer Good

1:40—MISSIONARY PERIOD
Associational Missions ..... I. V. Couch
State Missions ..... A. E. Watts
Home Missions ..... Miss Ethel Mae Goble
Foreign Missions ..... W. O. Johnson

2:00—INSPIRATION—Address by Dr. J. C. Canipe

2:30—Special Music ..... Wingate College Choral Group
Announcements

2:40—Transaction of Business

3:00—RECESS until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

SECOND DAY

9:30—WORSHIP
Congregational Hymn
Scripture Reading ..... E. V. Bumgarner

9:40—INSTITUTION REPORTS
Baptist Hospital Report ..... Earl Teague
Dr. W. K. McGee will speak to the report
Christian Education Report ..... Mrs. I. V. Couch
Claud F. Gaddy will speak to the report
Orphanage Report ..... Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney
Mrs. W. C. Reed will speak to the report

10:30—Special Music

10:35—BUSINESS — Election of Officers

10:55—Congregational Hymn

11:00—INSPIRATION
Doctrinal Sermon ..... Rev. Gordon Wilson
RECESS — LUNCH

1:30—WORSHIP — Congregational Hymn
Scripture and Prayer ..... J. A. Icenhour

1:40—REPORTS
Christian Literature ..... Charles E. Echerd
C. W. Bazemore will speak to the report
"The Evils of Alcohol" ..... A. C. Payne
Discussion
Stewardship and Tithing ..... James Farthing
Discussion

2:25—COMMITTEE REPORTS
Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher
Committee on Resolutions
Nominating Committee

2:40—Congregational Hymn

2:45—INSPIRATION
Inspirational Message ..... (Speaker to be announced)

ADJOURNMENT

THE ASSOCIATION LINKS THE CHURCHES FOR
"A MILLION MORE IN '54"

Annual Sermon

"ESTABLISH THOU THE WORK OF OUR HANDS" .....

Annual sermon preached before the Alexander Association at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on October 7, 1953.

DAVID C. BOAZ, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Taylorsville

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands, establish thou it" Psalm 90:17.

These are the closing phrases of a prayer; a prayer for the power of God to come and make effective the work of His servants. It was the helpless cry that grew out of the knowledge that however faithfully and hard we may work, it avails nothing unless God reaches down to bless it. "Lord establish thou the work of our hands."

You will observe from the reading of this Psalm that it was written by Moses. Here was Moses, the great leader of Israel praying "Lord, come and bless the work that we do for thee".

I suppose there never was a man who worked harder at his job than Moses did, nor scarcely a man who accomplished more in his own might. From a peasant boy he had risen to mold a million or two slaves into a nation so big and strong that it was a terror to its enemies. Might he not have said, "Just look what I have done, the world should build a monument to my honor"? But instead he looked helplessly up to God and said, "Lord, establish thou the work of our hands". It won't amount to anything unless God's hand touches it and makes it prosper.

How we do need to come to a realization of that truth in our religious life today! We Baptist are a rather all-sufficient people. There isn't much that we can't do. Show us any sort of challenge you please, and we will just raise enough money to do the job. That feeling of bigness and power has become a threat to our humility and our faith. God help us lest we forget that whatever big things we may do, it is all less than useless unless we have God's blessing upon it — lest we forget to pray Moses' prayer, "Lord, establish thou the work of our hands".

It is my humble prayer that the Lord will in very real power, "establish the work" of our churches, of our Association, and of our great denomination. Yet if we would have Him to bless us;

1. We must work according to God's plan.
2. We must work faithfully at that plan.
3. We must give God all the glory for our success.

Following God's Plan:

If we would have God to establish the work of our hands, we must first be sure that the work of our hands is of God's planning and not our own. We stand always in danger of shaping our own plans and then asking God to bless them, but God doesn't work that way at all. We must first ask God for the blue prints and work according to them. Then God will surely bless our work. If we all work by God's plan we will all be working toward the same goal, and that would end all of our misunderstandings and disagreements. When God leads people, He never does lead them toward objectives that defeat each other. He always leads us harmoniously in the battles of His Kingdom. If we follow His leadership we will always work in harmony with one another.

I tried to preach a sermon some time ago without asking for God's leadership in preparing it. I believe in thorough preparation of my sermons. In fact I am given to the habit of writing them all out. I don't necessarily recommend that method to anyone else, but it seems to be the method that suits me best of all.

I was wide awake in the middle of the night, and got to thinking some thoughts that came to me with unusual clarity. They got such a grip on me that I got up and went into the den to write them down for fear they should escape me before day. I wrote for an hour or more, and the next morning I was still enthused about what was going to be a masterpiece of a sermon. I got it all organized and typed it all out and laid it on my desk, studying it now and then until Sunday came. Early on Sunday morning I put the finishing touches on it. Then, as I have a habit of always doing, I put it aside, and bowing

my head I said "Lord, I've done my best in this sermon; now will you bless it with power to meet the needs of the people". But God seemed to say to me, "No, that is not my sermon, it's yours". And I realized that I had prepared it all without asking God anything about it, and now I was asking Him to bless it. I got a sort of fainty feeling at the realization that this was my sermon for the day and that it was obviously not God's sermon at all, but yet I didn't have any time to make further preparation. Something inside me kept saying, "Well, go ahead and preach it but don't blame it on the Lord, He didn't have anything to do with it." But I said "No, I can't do it", and I threw the whole thing into the waste basket. I'd rather have God with me and no sermon, than to have the finest sermon without Him as its Author. So I went on the platform for the only time in my life without any sermon, but if the people ever knew the difference they were gracious enough not to say so. Two girls accepted Christ as their Savior that day and I don't think they would have done it if I had preached my sermon instead of God's.

Often our Churches lack the power of God because we work according to plans that God had nothing to do with. For a church anywhere to try to carry on a program that is not in harmony with God's will is utterly futile.

I read a short while ago the testimony of a popular newspaper columnist about tithing. He said that he had made a study of the teaching of the Bible on the subject, and had decided to practice it. He began by taking ten per cent of his monthly salary check and sending it to the Red Cross. The next month he sent it to the March of Dimes, and the next to some other fine Charity and so on.

The writer closed by saying that there was one thing he had failed to see fulfilled in his experience as a tither, and that was God's promise in Malachi 3:10 that as a reward for tithing he would open the windows of heaven and pour out rich blessings on the tither. For he said, I frankly admit that such blessings have never come my way. In fact he said he was poorer now than when he started tithing.

Well I could have told him the reason. He had missed the Bible idea of tithing about as many million miles as a man could miss anything. The Bible has said that the tithe is the Lords (Lev. 27:30), and I believe Mal. 3:10 indicates rather clearly that He wants it brought into His own storehouse. We have not obeyed God's will in the matter when we have given a tenth of our income to some charity of our own choosing, however worthy that charity may be. God's Church is the only authority on Earth that has the right to decide how God's money is to be spent. So if we expect the blessings God has promised, we must work according to His plan.

Likewise the Church that would have God to "establish the work of its hands", must be ever cautious lest it depart from the plan of God in its work.

Working Faithfully With Our Hands:

If we would have God to "establish the work of our hands, we must work faithfully for Him."

There is something to the familiar slogan that "Man's extremity is God's opportunity". I am a firm believer in work and lots of it. God is not going to bless us in our work unless we work, and work our best. Neither is He going to do something for us that we can do for ourselves. If you pray earnestly for God to feed the hungry, He may do it with a bag of your potatoes, or one of your hams. And when we become concerned enough to pray seriously for the souls of lost men and women God will send us out to win them to Him.

The laws of nature for any endeavor require work for success. God has put the magic of fertility into the soil, but it will not produce a very profitable crop of anything unless we work it. This wonderful land of ours offers every one of us unlimited opportunities for ad-

vancement in the business world, but I haven't seen very many people profit by those opportunities except those who are willing to work. We pride ourselves in living in a land where an education is within reach of everyone, yet we know that an education does not just leap into our minds, but we have to work to get it.

It is likewise a law that governs the life of our Churches. We prosper in direct proportion to our willingness to work for God. I am persuaded that there is absolutely no limit to what my Church can do for Christ except as we limit ourselves by our failure to work hard enough and wisely enough at the job He has for us. I have long been shamed by the belief that I could preach better if I applied myself more diligently to the job.

When Jesus' Deciples proposed a foolish question to Him in John 9:1-4, He dismissed it quickly by saying to them "**I must work** the works of Him that sent me". That was a part of the personal philosophy of Jesus that He must work. It would end a lot of controversies for us if all of our people in all of our Churches would go to work for the Master.

Indeed we cannot ask God to "establish the work of our hands", we must be sure that the object of our work is God's glory and not our own.

In the past year or two I have come to face a strange new danger. For nearly all my life I have been a "young preacher". I only recently began to show signs of age. Up until recently I could accept and fill nearly all the invitations that came to me to preach without any serious conflicts, for I didn't get very many. But now it is different. And though I do not presume to know why, I get more invitations to preach than I could fill if I were a dozen men. That has threatened me with one of the worst dangers I have faced in my life; it is so easy to accept those invitations that put me in the limelight, and reject the others. So I pray every day that God will give me the grace never to preach for my own glory, but always for the glory of God. We preachers are the recipients of so many thoughtful compliments by our gracious people, that one of our hardest jobs is to stay humble enough to give God all the credit that He deserves to have.

That serves to illustrate a danger that threatens our Churches today. A danger lest we have our program of work centered upon ourselves instead of upon a lost and needy world.

There was printed a short while ago in the Biblical Recorder a record of the gifts made by the Churches to the orphanage, and the report said that our Church had given nothing. That day my phone rang all day long with our people wanting to know what became of the money we had set aside in our budget for the orphanage. And what do you suppose they said? Nobody said "Lets get our offering off quickly for some orphan may go hungry if we don't", but they all said "Let's get our offering in so that our report won't look so bad in comparison to everybody else".

It will be a great day for our Churches when we start giving and serving for **THE GLORY OF GOD**, and not just to get favorable publicity in the Biblical Recorder.

God return our hearts to the spirit of Jesus who came into the world "To seek and to save that which was Lost".

Let us never look upon our local Churches as an end in themselves, for if we do we are doomed to stagnation. The Church is a tool for God to use in winning the world. When we have built our

buildings and paid for them, and perfected our organization, and trained our workers, we are not through then any more than a farmer is through when he gets his axe sharpened. He is just then ready to begin. I am profoundly interested in building my Church into a strong Church, but that is not the goal in itself. I want it to be strong for the Master's use.

You remember those days during the last war when you couldn't get a new car, for they weren't making any. I got to needing one badly for I had driven mine for a long time like everybody else had, and the speedometer had gone all the way around so many times it got dizzy. Then even after they started making cars you couldn't buy one. There was about that time, the Tucker Corporation that started to make a new sort of a car. There was a place down in Louisville where we lived that had a Tucker car on display and promised soon to have some for sale. I went down and looked it over, and it was a pretty handsome automobile. I said to the salesman, "I may want to buy one of those cars; how about taking me for a ride in it and lets see how it runs." He hesitated for a moment and then explained that the car they had wouldn't run, it was just put together for a "Show Room Model".

What kind of Churches are we building today? (and I'm not thinking about the building, I'm thinking of the Church that meets in the building) are they just "display models" or "show room exhibits", or are they instruments fit for use in the Master's harvest of souls?

The other day with one of our state workers, I looked over a map of North Carolina showing all the associations. He would put his finger on a spot on that map and say, "Here is an Assosciation where people are really on fire for the Lord" and he'd tell how much money they were giving to missions, and how many people they were baptising. Then he'd put his finger on another spot and explain that this was a "Backward" Association. Think what that emplies for the people who live there, and belong to the Churches there, to live in a backward area. I said to myself, I don't want to live in a backward area, I don't want my children to grow up in a backward area. I want to live and work where people believe in going forward with the work of the Master. I hope we'll go back to our Churches and turn the hearts of our people upward and outward to the fields of harvest as never before.

To that end I pray the prayer of Moses, "Lord establish thou the work of our hands, yea the work of our hands, establish thou it."

Proceedings

Sixty-Sixth Annual Session

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 7th and 8th, 1953

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its sixty-sixth annual session with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. James R. Lail.
2. Brother Lail, accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Hines at the piano, led the congregation in singing "Stand Up For Jesus."
3. Rev. Herman Johnson had scripture and prayer, using for his scripture, 2nd. Cor. 4: 1-10.
4. The moderator at this time asked for a roll call of churches.
5. Brother David Boaz at this time moved the adoption of the program.
6. The moderator at this time recognized the following pastors who had come into the association since last year, Rev. I. V. Couch, Hiddenite Baptist Church, and Rev. Gordon Wilson, pastor, Symrna Baptist Church.
7. The visitors were recognized at this time and are listed elsewhere in the minutes.
8. The necessary committees were appointed at this time and are listed elsewhere in the Minutes.
9. Brother Maurice Grant gave the Sunday School Report and moved the adoption of this report. Brother Fritz Hemphill spoke to this report.
10. Due to the information being delayed there was no report on Vacation Bible School. This report is to be written and turned in to the clerk.
11. Miss Lucy Thompson gave the Training Union Report and moved the adoption of this report. Mr. Fred Scott was to speak to this report but did not arrive in time.
12. Brother A. D. Lindsey did not send a report on the Brotherhood, and the Moderator at this time recognized Brother C. M. King who spoke on the work of the Brotherhood in the absence of Brother Horace Easom.
13. Mrs. U. L. Hafer gave the W. M. U. report and moved the adoption of this report and spoke to the report. Brother David Boaz also spoke on the work of the W. M. U.
14. Miss Lucy Thompson at this time called on Bros. I. V. Couch, Homer L. Good, and James R. Lail to speak on the Training Union.
15. Brother Burris, Wingate College at this time presented a trio from Wingate College who favored us with special music.
16. Brother W. O. Johnson, host pastor, was recognized at this time.
17. The Moderator reported pamphlets from the American Bible Society and urged everyone present to take one.
18. Brother David Boaz at this time preached the annual sermon. He led the closing prayer and returned thanks for the lunch prepared by the host church. Adjourn for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon

19. Promptly at 1:30 the association reconvened and Brother Lail led in singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Brother Homer L. Good read the scripture and led in prayer.
20. Mr. Fred Scott from the Training Union office in Raleigh was recognized at this time and he spoke briefly on the work of the Training Union.
21. Brother I. V. Couch gave the report on Associational Missions, Brother A. E. Watts gave the report on State Missions, Miss Ethel Mae Goble gave the report on Home Missions, and Brother W. O. Johnson gave the report on Foreign Missions. Motion was made and the above reports were adopted.
22. The trio from Wingate College again brought an inspiring message in song.
23. Dr. J. C. Canipe, Secretary of Evangelism for N. C. brought an inspiring message on Evangelism.
24. Dr. R. K. Redwine, from the State Convention, spoke briefly on the work of the Convention.
25. Brother Charles Echerd, Associational Historian, gave a brief history of Pleasant Hill Church, and announced that he had copies of all the minutes of the association since 1887.
26. Brother Fred Scott led in closing prayer and the session adjourned to meet the following day with Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Thursday Morning

27. The second day's session began promptly at 9:30 at Bethlehem Baptist Church.
28. Brother Lail led the congregation, accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Hines at the piano, in singing "At The Cross." Brother Oscar Tucker read the scripture and led in prayer.
29. Brother Earl Teague gave the hospital report and moved the adoption of this report. Brother Arnold Smith from the Baptist Hospital spoke to the report.
30. Mrs. I. V. Couch brought the report on Christian Education and moved the adoption of this report. Brother Claude Gaddy not being present, Brother Lawson Allen from Gardner-Webb College spoke at this time.
31. In the absence of Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney, Miss Marcella Hines read the report on the Baptist Orphanage and moved the adoption of this report. Brother W. C. Reed from Mills Home spoke to the report.
32. Brother T. Sloan Guy, a representative from Resthaven was recognized at this time and spoke on the work that is being carried on at Resthaven.
33. At this time the nominating committee brought the following report: Moderator, Rev. James R. Lail; Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. O. Johnson; Clerk and Treasurer, Miss Marcella Hines; Historian, Mr. Charles Echerd. Rev. A. E. Watts made the motion to elect these officers.
34. Brother A. E. Watts, host pastor, at this time welcomed the association and visitors to the church.
35. Brother Gordon Wilson at this time brought a Doctrinal Sermon. He led the closing prayer and returned thanks for the food prepared by the host church.

Thursday Afternoon

36. Brother Lail led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance." Brother J. A. Icenhour read the scripture and led in prayer.

37. Brother Charles Echerd gave the report on Christian Literature and moved the adoption of the report. Mr. W. C. Bazemore spoke to the report.

38. Brother A. C. Payne gave the report on Evils of Alcohol, and moved the adoption of this report. Mr. Payne spoke to his report.

39. Mr. James Farthing gave a report on Stewardship and Tithing, but did not have a written report. Motion was made that this report be adopted.

40. At this time the following committee reported:
Time, Place, and Preacher:
Time: Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October, October 6 and 7, 1954.
Place: Pilgrim Baptist Church, Wednesday October 6, 1954. Little River Baptist Church, Thursday, October 7, 1954.
Preacher: I. V. Couch, Pastor, Hiddenite Baptist Church.
Alternate: Herman Johnson, Pastor, Mt. Herman Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts, Chairman
P. E. Johnson
Paul Mayberry.

Resolutions:

We resolve as Committee on Resolutions to express our appreciation for the fine hospitality of the people and pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on the first day of our Association, which met with them on October 7th. We also wish to congratulate both pastor and people on their fine new building.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gordon Wilson, Chairman
J. A. Icenhour
T. B. Wagner

We the Resolution Committee wish to thank the Pastor and people for their hospitality and for the bountiful spread at the noon hour. We also again wish to congratulate Pastor and people on their fine building. Both of these churches prove to us that they have a vision. We feel that they will help to win a Million More in '54.

May God richly bless you is our prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gordon Wilson, Chairman
J. A. Icenhour
T. T. Wagner.

41. Brother Charles Echerd at this time gave a history of the host church.
42. Brother Lail led the congregation in singing "Our Best".
43. Brother Boaz at this time introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Robert Franklin, pastor Wilkesboro Baptist Church, Brushy Mountain Association.
44. Brother Franklin led in a closing prayer and the sixty-sixth annual session came to a close.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

It is not necessary to give a number of reasons for Sunday School in this report. It's value is known to all of us. The Baptist Sunday School Builder made the statement during the past summer that "One out of every three persons enrolled in Sunday School is won to Christ, while only one out of every 240 not enrolled in Sunday School is ever won to Him. "This statement should be of deepest interest to every Christian.

A look at our past performances, and at our opportunities for the future might serve us well.

In the minutes of the Alexander Association for 1927, the historian states that the host church had had an evergreen Sunday School for seven years. In some of our churches in those years there was no Sunday School during the winter months. We might note some of the progress made in the years since.

In 1931 the churches that now comprise this association reported a total enrollment in Sunday School of 1522 members. In 1942 these same churches reported an enrollment of 1923; a gain of 401 members in eleven years. In 1951 our association reported an enrollment of 3312 members; a gain of 1389 in nine years. This same year we reported 4560 church members. Of the number in Sunday School 773 were in the primary classes or under. Few, if any, of these would be church members. This would seem to indicate that we have approximately 2000 church members who are not members of our Sunday School. Our average attendance, including all classes, was only 2081, or 199 less than one half of our church membership. Surely more than one half of our church members ought to be in Sunday School regularly.

Southern Baptists have set a goal of "A Million More in '54" in Sunday School. During the past ten months intensive preparation has been made for this task. Some of our own churches, perhaps all of them, are co-operating in this effort. If every seven Southern Baptists gain one new member this year, the one million goal will be reached. If every seven Alexander Baptists gain one new member, it will mean only about one half, or less, as many church members as we now have who are not members of our Sunday Schools, to say nothing of the lost who are within our borders. Truly the harvest is great.

"A million more in fifty-four
Depends on workers true;
Our hearts, our strength, our wills, our time,
We dedicate anew.
We each must visit, work and pray
In answer to God's Call,
A work to honor Christ our King
Demands our best, our all."

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. Grant

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

Alexander Association has had a successful year in the work of the Baptist Training Union.

Information and inspiration have been brought to us by visitors. Our 1953 Regional Training Union Convention was held at First church, Taylorsville, April 24, 25 with a record attendance. Our churches were well represented at this meeting and Juniors from Hiddenite were winners in the Junior Memory Work Tournament at this meeting.

We were fortunate to have our State Secretary James P. Morgan send us the summer work group provided by our State Training Union Department, for a Training Union Revival the week of June 28-July 3. Antioch and Linney's Grove organized new Training Unions during this week and report great blessings have already come to their churches through it. Other churches participating in the revival were: East Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Smyrna, Stony Point and Taylorsville First. In all of these the week was most helpful. These fourteen dedicated young people, under the direction of Miss Mabel Starnes, of Gardner-Webb College, not only brought us better methods but challenged us to dedicate our lives to Christlike living. Those present at Smyrna for the climaxing mass meeting on Friday night remember it as a vivid demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit as Youth answered the Master's call.

We have had some discouragement with the suspension of the work during the polio epidemic. However, Training Union moves forward again as our churches with unions are now engaged in taking demonstration programs to churches lacking a Training Union.

We want every church to share with us two meetings to be held in the near future. A Singspiration-singing the praises of God for HIS glory—at East Taylorsville the latter part of October and the M night meeting in Stony Point church Dec. 7. Rev. Hubert S. Mumford, of Marshville, a pastor who is an outstanding leader in Training Union, will speak at the latter meeting.

It will cost your church approximately $1.05 per person to provide a Training Union for each church member. The first year would cost even less for our Sunday School Board provides free literature for the first quarter. We spend more than this for things of fleeting value. Don't miss the blessing your church could have for Training Union means fellowship with Christ through Bible study, prayer, and a share in His Kingdom work at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Thompson

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. SUPERINTENDENT

Many have labored faithfully to achieve what has been done in the past year for missions. We have made real progress in some phases of our work, but feel there have been many lost opportunities to advance the Kingdom.

We regret that only five churches in this Association have a W. M. U. These are Stony Point, Hiddenite, Antioch, East Taylorsville, and Taylorsville First. Within these churches we report two new Young People's organizations. 521 women and young people compose our Associational W. M. U. This is an increase of 32 over last year.

Mission study is basic in our program of missions. More and more of our women and young people are studying the world's need of Jesus as Saviour, believing that to be better informed is to be more effective in our work.

The increase in gifts to missions is an indication that W. M. U. members are practicing the stewardship of possessions. In 1951-52 we reported $905.42 given to four mission causes. This year we report $2,155.00 which represents a 239% increase. 37 new tithers have been reported making the total 224.

Realizing a need for Christ among the people of the communities where we live our W. M. U. members have responded to this need in greater numbers than ever before. One of the W. M. U. aims is that of doing more effective work in the field of community missions that many more people may be won to Christ.

Another year has come to a close. There are many unenlisted, so much to do, and so many opportunities for service. We are grateful for what has been done and pray for zeal for greater service in His name.

Respectfuly submitted,
Mrs. E. H. Mills

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

In the Master's last message to the disciples, he said for them to begin their work where they were. Acts 1:8 'And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the utermost parts of the earth." Christ wanted them to begin his work at home, then launch out to all parts of the world. If we are to be a part of the great mission movement of the Southern Baptist Convention we must begin in our own Association to promote the work of our denomination and the work of our Master.

God has always used the ministry of preaching as the main way of winning souls, just to win them is not enough. We must train them to go out and win others. We endeavor to do this through the different departments of our church: the Sunday School to teach the word of God: the Training Union to develop the talents of our people: the W. M. U. as one of the means of promoting missions: and the Brotherhood to make our men conscious that they must help promote as well as support. The church that has all these departments is to be commended, but the need is for all the churches in the Association to have this type of program. If we are to accomplish this, we must have someone to help organize and promote this work.

It has been said, "Everybody's business is nobody's business", and that is true in any church or Association which has no one to lead. This type of leadership is available through an Associational Field Worker whose duty it is to work with the churches which need help in organizing and promoting a full Baptist program. The Associational Field Worker is the connecting link between the church, association, and other phases of the Baptist organization. It is difficult to describe and define the position and work of an Associational Field Worker, but let us consider the three main divisions:

1. To assist in reaching the people of unchurched areas.

2. To assist in the work of the churches upon their invitation.

3. To lead in General Promotion work.

Look with me at some of the things that were accomplished last year in one of our adjoining Associations which has a worker.

Every church promoted a Vacation Bible School.

Out of 35 churches, 32 contributed to the Cooperative Program.

Every church has a Training Union.

Three churches were organized.
Two Missions were established.
The worker also promoted all the Associational Sunday School, Training Union and W. M. U. meetings in addition to a Vacation Bible School Clinic.
Let us say with the men of Macedonia, "Come over and help us."

Respectfully submitted,
I. V. Couch

STATE MISSIONS

The objective of State Missions is to make North Carolina Christian, and never before in the history of North Carolina Baptists has the challenge been greater or the responsibility heavier.
In this great task of trying to make North Carolina Christian, according to the 1952 Baptist Annual, we had 89 Missionary Pastors, our Schools for Preachers and Deacons, and the Department of Evangelism, which is headed by Bro. J. C. Canipe, who will speak to us today.
Also, some aid is being given to our colored people,, work is being done to help the deaf people of our state, and we are working with the Allied Church League to help make North Carolina a dry state.
Too, we have our Teaching and Training Program through the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Department, the Baptist Brotherhood, the Training Union, our summer assemblies, and several other departments of the State Mission Program.
In 1952 the Baptists of North Carolina spent more than $350,000.00 in this great missionary effort and more money is needed so this work can be enlarged and expanded. If every Baptist in North Carolina would give $1.00 to State Missions each year, we would double what we are now giving.
This work is essential, and merits our prayers and loyal support, for if our light fails to shine at home, it cannot shine away from home. Jesus Christ, our Lord, said in effect, Begin at home. Begin in North Carolina and make North Carolina Christian.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

How shall our homeland be lifted up and redeemed? The only way is by the message of Christ taught through Home Missions. If we are to do a worthwhile work for the outside world, we must begin at home. In everything home base is the starting point and if we neglect the starting point, we cannot be assured of success. Jesus said, "Be witnesses of mine at home and to the uttermost parts of the earth."
The Home Mission spirit is to help where the help is needed. Many of our strong churches of today were begun through this program.
The Home Mission Board has done a fairly good job of sending missionaries to the French speaking peoples, the deaf mutes, the American Indians, the negroes, and the underprivileged people. But more missionaries are needed—the 700 missionaries and workers now on the fields are not enough. The need is great. Three million dollars would not be too much for the present need.
The Home Mission magazine, published by the Home Mission Board is to acquaint the people with the field, the need, and the urgency of Home Missions. May an earnest effort be made to have this magazine in every Christian home.
Today we need to promote the greatest program of Home Missions that we have ever had.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel Mae Goble

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

After nineteen hundred years of gospel effort earth's teeming millions may still be described in Paul's language to the Ephesians aliens from the commonwealth of Israel.

When we think of heathenism we are overwhelmed.

1. Think of the extent of its territory.
2. Think of the wonderful minds which have been captivated and enslaved by heathenism.
3. Think of the wretchedness and misery of the heathen.

Let us remember the only cure, it is to know God, and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1953

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," was the leper's plea that touched the heart of Jesus. A like plea from the sick multitudes who need help has touched the heart of North Carolina Baptists. Our ministry through our Baptist Hospital is our answer to this call.

More than ten thousand patients were cared for in our Hospital last year, while thousands of other were seen in the Clinics. Almost half of these were service patients, unable to pay the full cost of the care they received.

From all over North Carolina there is a constant stream of afflicted people coming seeking our help. Our Hospital provides skilled specialists for them in the various fields of medical care.

One of the most important parts of the program of the Hospital is the spiritual ministry it provides. This is necessary if the full needs of a sick person are to be met. Our hospital has trained chaplains who render an effective ministry for the sick, guidance for the nursing and medical students, and training for pastors and Christian workers.

Three floors of the New Hospital Wing are nearing completion and should be ready for use this year. This will provide urgently needed space and facilities. If any church in the Association has not contributed its part toward the building of the New Wing, we hope this will be done at once.

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Jesus replied, "I will." You and I answer, "I will", if we give as we should in our Mother's Day offering. This determines how much help we provide for those who are sick and have little or no money. Let all of us answer with a generous, 'I will", next Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Teague

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is an eternal triangle whose base is Christianity and whose sides are Character and Culture, challenging Baptists who have been entrusted with multitudes of talented, consecrated young people. In God's storehouses, our churches, unused material, Our Baptist Youth, is available for the process of education. Since the product depends upon the process, it is imperative that our Baptist young people everywhere be given the opportunity of a Christian Education.

Baptist educational institutions provide such an opportunity, both South wide and State wide. Southern Baptists support with students and with money seven seminaries, 52 junior and senior colleges, and 10 academies and Bible schools with a total enrollment of 52,660. Only our seminaries receive financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention. The other 62 schools receive their support from the Conventions of their respective states.

Let us now consider our program as North Carolina Baptist in the field of Christian Education. In addition to the educational facilities within the local Churches, North Carolina Baptists have seven colleges, two senior: Wake Forest with an enrollment of 1714 and Meredith 600; and five junior: Mars Hill with an enrollment of 787; Gardner-Webb, 401; Campbell, 440; Wingate, 255; and Chowan, 192. (These enrollments as of October 15, 1952.)

From a financial standpoint the most significant undertaking in 1953 is the effort to complete the raising of $1,500,000 in the churches for the removal program of Wake Forest College.

Let us remember that the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is now operating on the Wake Forest Campus with an enrollment of 320 students but because of crowded conditions will not be able to reach its maximum until Wake Forest College moves to Winston-Salem.

We have thought of ourselves as Southern Baptists and North Carolina Baptists. Now let us think of ourselves as Alexander County Baptists. As stewards of our young Baptists and the development of their abilities, it is our responsibility to provide the best means possible that they may study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed. (Let us give them Christian Education in its truest sense.)

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. I. V. Couch

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

James says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

North Carolina Baptists are trying to qualify in regard to the first part of this definition in their ministry of caring for the fatherless. During the past year 728 children were cared for in our Mills and Kennedy Homes, and 214 other children were aided in the homes of competent relatives.

The children were cared for physically—fed, clothed, and housed —with a minimum of sickness; educationally they were given opportunities equal to those of our public schools (24 graduated from high school in June), and spiritualy they were so well watched over that 80 made professions of faith in Christ last year.

A program of building and renovation, the greatest in the history of the institution, is in operation. A new cottage, a new print shop, and a new infirmary were completed in 1952. The I. G. Greer Recreation Building was finished early in 1953, and a beautiful new church, that will seat 580 people, is in process of construction. This building program was made possible by money left to the Mills Home by the will of the late Robert T. Idol. Why won't more Christians do likewise when making provision for the transfer of their worldly possessions?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. W. Gwaltney

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER AND OTHER BAPTIST LITERATURE

Christian literature is a tremendous force in the lives of our people today. In our own country virtually all persons read, and what they **read** is largely what they **believe.** Glorious opportunities are ours to crusade for Christian literature. If we fail to meet such opportunities, our Baptist people and Baptist work will suffer untold harm from little vision and lack of knowledge.

In days of old, the prophet Hosea said, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Today the devil is exploiting as never before, the power of the printed word. The mails, the news-stands, and too many homes, are loaded with the ugly tide of bad books, periodicals, magazines cleverly designed to delude people, to promote cheap diversions, to glorify worldiness, to encourage Sabbath-breaking and liquor sales with all its attendant evils, and to undermine Christianity in general.

To meet this evil flood of bad literature we have a marvelous array of well printed, sound Baptist periodicals, Sunday School and other Christian publications for every age, spiritual interest and need. Perhaps no denomination in America has so fine a selection of Christian literature as Southern Baptists have today. The aim of it all is to inform, enlist, indoctrinate, unify and inspire our people for faithful service in our Lord's name. Our Christian literature must be magnified and promoted in all the churches if God's work is to go forward.

In our own state, the BIBLICAL RECORDER is the one publication covering the entire field of our co-operative efforts as Baptists. Without our State Baptist paper a successful promotion of all our Baptist work would be well-nigh impossible.

Charity & Children, Our Orphanage paper, keeps us informed about the work being done in our Orphans homes at Mills and Kennedy. This paper is ably edited by Marsh Grant, a descendant of Alexander County.

The Commission, published in Richmond by our Foreign Missions Board, keeps us informed in respect to Missionaries on Foreign Fields, their location and the character of their work.

"Home Missions" published in Atlanta by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention keeps abreast of the work being done through this board.

"Royal Service," the magazine so much used by the Woman's Missionary Circles in their programs, is full of information about Baptist work.

All the above named periodicals come to my home. I do not say that I, personally, read all that is in them, but it is wonderful to have access to them when you need them for teaching or programs.

Then there is the Training Union and Sunday School literature, all written by the ablest and most consecrated workers in our denomination.

Let's use our Baptist Literature.

Chas. E. Echerd.

EVILS OF ALCOHOL

The Prophet Isaiah wrote a long time ago: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink" that tarry late into the night till wine inflame them". The Prophet no doubt wrote before the day of the "white lightning" we are cursed with in the present day, for it is said that drinking is no problem in the land of the Bible, for over there they drink wine like water yet they do not get drunk, or that Jesus made wine, so that He must have approved it. Well, people who talk like that would do well to listen to Isaiah on the question of drinking and on the wine that inflames. There is no doubt but that the drinking of beverage alcohol became a greater evil in Israel for by the time Isaiah came along, Israel and Judah were eating and drinking and making merry with a vengeance, and their State was crumbling while they played the fool. The country was in such a bad condition that he cried "Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty."

This is preliminary to saying that a Prophet may arise with healing in his wings, so to speak, and declare the same as to, and about America. What less could be said of this country, when it is declared there are four million men and women held in the grip of alcoholism, these are mostly parents, and are potential or confirmed alcoholics. One authority states that drunkenness costs American business a total of one billion manhours a year. This means a production loss of billions annually. If the people of North Carolina or any part of it, had a proper sense of comprehension they would know that this is one of the far reaching economic consequences. It is said that in the nation as a whole, a Committee on Alcoholism, in the State of New York has determined by estimate, industrial losses because of alcoholism exceeded $1,400,000,000 last year. Then if you still think it doesn't affect you, think this one over, carefully: for all th epeople in the United States (infants to old age), the per capita expenditures for alcoholic beverages run well over fifty dollars a year. It's your fifty!

It should not be necessary for me to caution Christian people to be on the alert more than ever. While we build magnificent and imposing church edifices, be reminded that right here in your good county the liquor business is on the road to make alcoholics for its own benefit. Let's do away with classical lectures on temperance, and use the language which is more meaningful, for now is the time to increase the fight on the liquor traffic. I would like to arouse our apathetic Christian consciences. Let our marching orders be on to victory to the eradication of the evil alcohol. Let the dark night of our foolishness be forgotten, and let us hope a new day is breaking. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ"—put on His dignity, His grace, His spotless character! Obey His commands, and not the commands of the beast!

The timeliness of the fight against alcohol is the message of this Scripture. It isn't a fight that can wait unti tomorrow. I say to the hundreds of Christian laymen in Alexander County, who seem to be alarmed by Moscow, but not at all concerned with the growing number of alcoholics in our society.

A. C. Payne

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN—CHAS. E. ECHERD

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Since the organization of the Alexander Baptist Association, at Macedonia in 1887, I find that this is the third time that the Association has met at Pleasant Hill. The former dates were 1895 and 1931.

W. E. White was Historian in 1895, he says: "Pleasant Hill Church was organized January 31, 1852 by a presbytery consisting of Rev. John G. Brian, Jacob Crouch, and Wm. Pool. Wm. Pool was made pastor and John T. Baker clerk. In 1854 trouble arose about a resolution passed in the Lewis Fork Association, concerning the organization of the Sons of Temperance. The church passed a rule forbidding services by any preacher who was a member of a secret society, which was in effect afterward rescinded. The church then entered upon a career of prosperity which lasts until yet."

Pleasant Hill church is pleasantly situated on a ridge 1185 feet above sea level and about 300 feet above the adjacent country, and consequently the top of the ridge is what is known to the scientists as a "thermal zone" or above what is usually called the frost line. The church building is a neat, well painted house located in a beautiful grove of original forest growth. It is better known as Black Oak Ridge than by its true name, though the dominant forest growth on the ridge is chestnut oak."

Since Mr. White wrote the above, much of that forest growth has been turned into lumber, tan bark, and firewood and in their place there are apple orchards that grow the finest tasting apples in the world.

Also, a new and more beautiful church has taken the place of the one described by Mr. White—a more modern, brick-veneer church with eight Sunday School rooms.

Paul W. Harrington, the present clerk, has in his possession a very valuable old minute book from 1852 when the church was organized, to 1912. A sample of an entry in this old book is: "March meeting second Saturday 1852. After divine services the church seated in union and inquired for complaints, there was none, then opened door for reception of Members, none came forward." There were "complaints" at other times by one member against another because of drinking and fighting or because others have missed the Saturday meeting. They were often "cited" to appear at the next meeting and answer the charge, &c. It appears that the church in the olden time was looking into the behavior of their members more than we do at present. During the Civil war there were many entries like this: "August meting 2 Saturday 1862 Disapointed" (signed by the clerk) I suppose no preacher came. All the membership rolls listed Males on one side and Females on th eother. This old book is certainly worth keeping for its insight into the past.

Below is list of Pastors and Clerks of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with approximate dates of service.

Pastors

1852—Wm. Poole
1854—Jacob Crouch & George Swaim
1857—Chapel & George Swaim
1858—John G. Bryan
1861—A. Gilreath & J. Kerley
1863—J. Kerley
1866—Jacob Crouch
1868—Bedford Brown
1868—James Gurley
1873—Wm. G. Brown
1879—James Kerley
1880—J. Bumgarner & W. K. Childers
1882—C. C. Pool
1894—W. J. Bumgarner
1900—Witherman
1903—L. P. Gwaltney
1906—_____Bumgarner
1912—J. P. Gwaltney
1914—W. E. Linney D. W. Pool
1919—C. F. Friday
1924—Loyd Barnes
1936—Morris Baker

1938—S. I. Watts
1942—J. S. Stevenson
1943—A. B. Bumgarner
1948—W. O. Johnson

Clerks

1852—John T. Baker
1853—Manley Hatten
1855—G. W. Jones
1857—John T. Baker
1860—B. F. Ellis
1863—J. Kerley & P. Tritt
1865—John F. Baker
1866—Wm. K. Childers
1874—S. J. Harrington
1912—J. W. Pharr
1917—F. S. Bowles
1925—Jeffie Daniels
1929—F. E. Harrington
1931—Jeffie Daniels
1943—Raymond Harrington
1945—Homer Daniels
1950—Tommy Daniels
1951—Paul Harrington

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Was organized Dec. 9, 1871 by a Presbytery composed of Elders J. Harvey West and Hiram West, with eighteen members: A. R. Tant, Rebecca Tant, C. A. Benfield, M. A. Benfield, Martha Smith, Isabel Smith, Catherine Benfield, Mary Ann Benfield, Elenor Starnes, M. R. Austin, Rebecca Johnson, Henry Teague, Sarah Teague, Mary L. Fox, E. Crawford Benfield, Hmeme Reece, Lavina Head & Martha Teague.

The Association minutes show that the Association met at Bethlehem in 1893, J. B. Pool, Historian; 1907, Historian not named but it was probably W. S. McLeod, and again in 1940, Chas. J. Pool, Historian.

The histories of this church as written by the three Historians above mentioned, do not all agree as to the dates the pastors served but the following is about the order, the best I could find:

1871—Hiram West—1st Pastor
J. R. Sherrill—2 months
W. F. Knight—2 months
A. M. Pennell—called but no record that served
1881—W. J. Bumgarner
1890—J. F. Davis—2 months
1891—J. M. Shaver
1895—W. J. Bumgarner
1902—J. M. Shaver
1912—W. J. Bumgarner
1931—E. V. Bumgarner
1940—Atwell E. Watts to present

Clerks

1871—M. R .Austin, 1st clerk
1872—C. A. Benfield
1880—W. G. Fox
1891—V. W. Teague
1907—W. W. Teague

The Historian of 1907 says: The church has seen its dark and gloomy periods, has been sorelv tried by internal strife by reasons of Advent and other doctrines but now seems to be in a very prosperous condition.

It was probably during those dark and gloomy days that Brother Jeffie Bumgarner preached for some time under a brush arbor and said he could depend on three men to be present, one was deaf, one was blind and one had a wooden leg.

The present beautiful and commodious building was occupied on January 1st, 1950—built under the leadership of Pastor A. E. Watts.

In Memoriam

Antioch—Mr. Fred T. Keller, Mr. Quincy Keller

Bethlehem—Mrs. Eller B. Simmons, Mrs. Kate Fox

Calvary—Mr. Jimmie Keller

Hiddenite—Mr. Glenn Matlock

Linneys Grove—Mr. J. Van Baker

Little River—Mrs. Annie Rogers, Mr. Elijah Cavin, Mrs. Lou Artemis Robinette

Mt. Herman—Mrs. Ella Pool, Mrs. Francis Bumgarner, Mrs. Charlie Meadlock.

Pilgrim—Mr. Bob Queen

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Lilly Deal Wike

Stony Point—Mrs. Maude Fullbright, Mr. Dewey Watts

Taylorsville, First—Mr. O. C. Garnett

STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE A — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES CLERK Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite MODERATOR Rev. J. R. Lail, R-2, Taylorsville	Gains: Baptisms	Gains: Letters and Other Additions	Losses: Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total: Total Resident Members	Total: Total Non-resident Members	Total: Grand Total Present Members	Special Information: Revival Meetings Held	Special Information: Number Tithers	Special Information: State Paper in Budget	Special Information: Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Special Information: Pastr's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Antioch	R	1826	All	J. R. Lail, R-2, Taylorsville	24	2	6	382	48	430	2	40	*	**	2687
Bethany	R	1892	3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro		2		89	56	145			**	**	473
Bethlehem	R	1871	All	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	10	10	4	295		295		14	**	**	3120
Buelah	T	1916	All	Oscar C. Tucker, Taylorsville	5	16	6	60	13	73	1		**	**	1865
Calvary	T	1948	All	J. G. Cardwell, N. Wilkesboro	31	10	4	110	14	124				**	425
Damascus	R	1839	2-4	Irvin Wallace, R-2, Harmony	1	4	2	124	50	174	1		**	**	871
Dover				No Report											
Hiddenite	V	1915	All	I. V. Couch, Hiddenite	6	1	3	107	66	173	1		*	**	2680
Island Ford				No Report											
Lebanon	R	1884	1-3	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville			1			84	1				688
Liledoun	V	1906	All	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	2	8	10			300	2	19	**	**	3461
Linney's Cove	R	1895	2-4	Fredell Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	9	2	3			133	1		**	**	599
Little River	R	1792	1-3	Herman I. Johnson, Moravian Falls	4	5	4	158	22	180	2		**	**	1159
Millersville	V	1923	All	John Houser, Hickory	1	2	2			59	1	5	**	**	675
Mt. Herman	R	1912	2-4	Herman I. Johnson, Moravian Falls	1	3	3			248	2				1000
Oxford Memorial	R	1942	1-3	S. I. Watts, Boomer	7	11	5	90	22	112	1			**	536
Pilgrim	R	1837	1-3	T. M. Luffman, Jonesville	5	3	9			260	2				695
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	2-4	W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	3	5	8	181	43	224	1		**	**	420
Poplar Springs	R	1872	2-4	W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	10	4	8			195	1		**	**	1037
Smyrna	R	1923	All	Gordon Wilson, Taylorsville	4	4	6	75	37	112	2	25	*	**	1440
Stony Point	T	1909	All	Homer L. Good, Stony Point	8	6	11	419	100	519	2	150	*	**	5200
Taylorsville, East	T	1924	All	L. C. Dixon, Taylorsville	5	13		427	2	429	2			**	4084
Taylorsville, First	T	1851	All	David C. Boaz, Taylorsville	20	20	17	327	104	454	2	83	*	**	4000
Totals					159	136	117	2844	577	4723	27	336			37115

** Indicates "No".
* Indicates "Yes".

TABLE B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT																
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers Not Counted Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Antioch	Wayne R. Austin, R-2, Taylorsville		21	44	27	48	38	31	129		4	342	203	101	94	**	1
Bethany	Max Hendren, Moravian Falls				17	12		15	16			60	50			**	
Bethlehem	Hal Teague, R-1, Taylorsville			16	25	26	19	43	45			174	103	102	92	**	
Buelah	Henry L. McDuffie, Box 207, Taylorsville			15	12	8		22	25			82	52			**	
Calvary	Glenn Phillips, Taylorsville			20	18	20	18		50			83	73			**	
Damascus	Dwight Johnson, R-2, Hiddenite		8	5	8	5	6	13	43			88	42	68	52	**	
Dover	No Report																
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, R-3, Taylorsville	2	5	6	10	20	8	16	61	12	3	143	95	102	92	*	
Island Ford	No Report																
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, R-2, Taylorsville			8	6	12	8	32				66	40				
Liledoun	Arthur Jenkins, R-1, Taylorsville		16	16	28	35	35	40	130			130	193			**	
Linney's Cove	Fred Hendren, R-2, Hiddenite		6	8	10	11	12	18	40			127	105			**	
Little River	Kenneth Davis, R-2, Taylorsville	7		17		10	18	12	64			126	75			**	
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, R-1, Taylorsville		5		12	8	10		20			55	35			**	
Mt. Herman	Keneenth Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville		15	16	12	23	24	70			10	170	125			**	
Oxford Memorial	Millard Brookshire, R-2, Lenoir		6	10	12	15	18	16	20		4	103	75			**	
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, R-1, New Hope	7		18	18	10	12	35	72			172	11				
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville		17	16	10	11	23	47			3	127	64			**	
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, R-2, Taylorsville			20		15	18		50			108	85			**	
Smyrna	Earl Teague, R-2, Taylorsville		15	11	10	11	10	24	45		1	127	66	53	48	**	
Stony Point	Homer Estes, Stony Point		34	29	37	43	42	32	216		6	439	240	150	134	**	
Taylorsville, East	Bill Heights, Taylorsville	10	16	33	39	61	37	18	145		6	370	195			*	3
Taylorsville, First	David C. Campbell, Taylorsville	10	19	27	36	45	46	34	151	10	4	382	214	181	158	*	6
Totals		36	83	340	347	449	402	518	1322	22	41	3474	2141	757	670		10

* Indicates "Yes".
** Indicates "No".

TABLE C — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES Associational Director Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT										
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Antioch	Mrs. Charlie Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville	8	12	13	35	23	25	37	6	159	83
Calvary	Nay Brookshire, Taylorsville		8		11	12		15		46	50
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite		4	6	24	7	10	24	3	78	59
Linneys Grove		5		10	11	11	27	23	1	88	89
Smyrna	Paul Teague, R-5, Hickory	2		5	7	8	6	14		42	30
Stony Point	Mrs. Arthur Lee Stikeleather, Stony Poin		5	7	16	34	22	43		127	75
Taylorsville, East	Mr. Conley Pennell, Taylorsville	6	8	6	18	12	17	23	6	96	96
Taylorsville, First	N. W. Blavlock, Taylorsville			16	23	43	12	27	4	125	55
Totals		21	37	63	145	150	119	206	20	761	537

TABLE D — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT Mrs. Henkle Mills, Taylorsville	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Antioch	Mrs. Charlie Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville	1		2	1	1	5	18		28	9	16	71	15	6
Hiddenite	Mrs. Leach Gooden, Hiddenite	2	1	1	1		5	38	8	13	12		71	34	19
Stony Point	Mrs. R. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	1	2	1	1	8	58	6	37	14	36	151	150	96
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. L. W. Davis, Moravian Falls	4	1	2		1	9	51	5	18		21	95	33	33
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. U. L. Hafer, Taylorsville							111		16		39	155	112	65
Totals		10	3	7	3	3	27	276	19	112	35	112	543	344	219

TABLE G — GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total All Purposes
Antioch	Warren Keller, R-1, Taylorsville	612	10	43	35	69		236	83		1090	8434
Bethany	J. D. Costner, R-1, Moravian Falls					41		84	30		155	7344
Bethlehem	R. Lee Teague, R-2, Taylorsville	110		73		100		254		130	669	7966
Buelah	Mrs. Escar E. Bowman, R-2, Taylorsville			25		45		72	34		177	3313
Calvary	Mrs. Ruby Brown, R-2, Taylorsville							31	14	93	139	1175
Damascus	Miss Maggie McLain, R-2, Statesville					72		111	34	10	229	1667
Dover	No Report											
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite	20		156	13	93	26	605	122	179	1215	8788
Island Ford	No Report											
Lebanon	Mrs. James H. Watts, R-2, Taylorsville	30						15	18		63	2656
Liledoun	Devon Dyson, R-1, Taylorsville			173				179	208	416	977	6330
Linney's Cove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, R-1, Hiddenite					11		7	13		32	6202
Little River	Mrs. J. Horace Bumgarner, R-2, Taylorsville	7						28	52		87	3012
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville			10		17		26	15	60	128	1381
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville					167		306	111		585	9278
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Velva Pennel, R-2, Taylorsville							12	12	11	36	2962
Pilgrim	D. C. Johnson, R-2, Statesville							21		15	37	1189
Pleasant Hill	Paul W. Harrington, R-2, Taylorsville		9	10		43		53	40		158	2605
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, R-2, Taylorsville					78		184			262	2585
Smyrna	Mrs. Paul Teague, R-5, Hickory	457			16	16	140	251	35		917	4139
Stony Point	Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point	720		110	295	550	137	720			2532	19320
Taylorsville, East	Miss Sidney Etta Earp, Taylorsville	578				459	25	612	54	50	1779	16019
Taylorsville, First	A. C. Payne	600	240	61	278	295		376		1100	2950	24658
Totals		3134	259	661	637	2056	328	4183	875	2064	14217	134419

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK—BUILDING—GOALS—CHURCH LIBRARY—VISUAL EDUCATION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES James Farthing, Taylorsville	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year	Does Your Church Have a Library?	Number Church Choirs	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Antioch				12000	72000				**	2	**	**
Bethany									**		**	**
Bethlehem	Hal Teague, R-1, Taylorsville	14	5		75000	1021			**		**	**
Buelah									**		**	**
Calvary									**		**	**
Damascus					4000				**		**	**
Dover	No Report											
Hiddenite	H. L. Hines, Hiddenite	19	8	6000	25000				*	2	**	**
Island Ford	No Report											
Lebanon									*			
Liledoun					35000				**	1	**	**
Linney's Cove						1200			**	1	**	**
Little River					10000				**	1	**	**
Millersville									*	1	**	**
Mt. Herman					50000				*			
Oxford Memorial												
Pilgrim										2	**	**
Pleasant Hill												
Poplar Springs					12000				**	1	**	**
Smyrna					20000		360		*		**	**
Stony Point	Arthur Lee Stikeleather, Stony Point	50	13	10000	85000				*	4	**	**
Taylorsville, East	Edd K. Elliot, Box 313, Taylorsville	30	8	7000	50000					1		
Taylorsville, First	Rayford Rogers, Taylorsville	43	27	10000	150000	19000	600	240	**	3	**	*
Totals		156	66	45000	588000	21221	960	240		19		

* Indicates "Yes".
** Indicates "No".

TABLE F — CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES Associational Treasurer Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Antioch	Dewey P. Austin, R-2, Taylorsville	9641	300	838	1948	418	245	175		729	4656	2687	7343
Bethany	Mrs. Edd Hendren, Moravian Falls	803				52				53	105	473	578
Bethlehem	Kern Davis, R-1, Taylorsville	7966		79	561	190	53		2295	907	4087	3210	7297
Buelah	Mrs. Barney Gant, Taylorsville	3269	120		176	64	245	277		388	1270	1865	3136
Calvary	Mrs. Sherman Gant, Taylorsville	1175	120	14		55		50		339	610	425	1036
Damascus	Miss Maggie McLain, R-2, Statesville	1435		26	296	24	40	135		44	566	871	1438
Dover	No Report												
Hiddenite	D. L. Kerley, Hiddenite	8788		288	1912	557	140	305		1688	3692	2680	7572
Island Ford	No Report												
Lebanon		2836			1550	53	125	164		12	1904	688	2593
Liledoun	Vance E. Stafford, R-1, Taylorsville	6330	180	714		261	3681	234		150	1901	3467	5363
Linney's Cove	L. A. Childers, R-1, Hiddenite	6202		28		24		162	5353		5560	599	6169
Little River	Willia Childers, R-2, Taylorsville	3335		1185		95	164	105			1771	1159	2930
Millersville	Mrs. Odell Icenhour, Taylorsville	1509	37		521	77		70			706	675	1381
Mt. Herman	W. D. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	9278	150	112	7000	15				415	7692	1000	3692
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Janie Anderson, R-2, Lenoir	2962		20	2000	101	193	75			2389	536	2925
Pilgrim	Waitsell B. Johnson, R-1, Hiddenite	1189		38		26	21	153		216	455	695	1151
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville	2605	84		1481	91	67	126		177	2027	420	2447
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, R-2, Taylorsville	2585		453		30	253	151	398		1286	1037	2323
Smyrna	Mrs. S. W. Perkins, R-1, Conover	4382	240	31	594	360	89	273		188	1782	1440	3222
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	19320		3772	595	2540		621	3073	1051	11587	5200	16787
Taylorsville, East	N. L. Davis, Taylorsville	16680	579	1939	5677	796	104	262	3900	466	10155	4084	14239
Taylorsville, First	James B. Farthing, Taylorsville	24658	2050	617	2380	1044	84	461	9838	1388	17866	3840	21706
Totals		136879	3860	10154	26621	6873	5504	3804	24856	8211	82076	37045	120328

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linneys Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linneys Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Pool	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	W. E. White
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	Taylorsville, East	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linneys Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville, First	Homer L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus Three Forks	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
1947	Taylorsville, East Taylor Springs	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
1948	Poplar Springs Bethel	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
1949	Antioch Hiddenite	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
1950	Liledoun Mt. Herman	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
1951	Stony Point Taylorsville, East	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
1952	Taylorsville, First Smyrna	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
1953	Pleasant Hill Bethlehem	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines

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